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Football team wins opener

By KAREN FRAWLEY

Westfield State's football team got off on the right football team got off on the right foot in their first game of the season, a 20-0 shut-out over Nichols College.

The name of this particular game was defense. Although the Westfield offense was unable to score, the defense seemed more than up to the task at hand. The defensive unit scored all three touch-downs in the victory.

It was a long night for Westfield's offense, which wasn't able to gain much yardage from either the passing or running game. The Owls rushed for a net total of 50 yards, with the longest single effort of 12 yards coming from halfback Will Foley. John Maloney, Westfield's starting quarterback, completed 12 of 28 pass attempts for a total of 138 yeads. He was intercepted once and sacked twice, and he made 5 rushes for a net loss of 16 yards

There was no score in this game until late in the third quarter, when the defense came alive for Westfield, offensively speaking. Westfield's first touchdown came with 1:17 to go in the third, when Chris Guilliani, linebacker, revcovered a fumble in the endzone.

The fans didn't have long to wait for the next piece of scoring action, which came only 21 seconds after the first. Linebacker Al Laporte was credited with the interception and the 36 yard run into the endzone for another six points. Freshman kicker Jeff Rothberg made the extra point to push the score to 13-0.

Rothberg sparked some excitement late in the second half when he narrowly missed a 49 yard field goal attempt.

The Owl's defense didn't lose its offensive momentum in the fourth quarter, managing to get one more touchdown. This last effort came with 10:56 left in the game, when cornerback Carlos Canino returned a punt and made a 36 yard run into the endzone. Rothberg was good for the extra point, and the score stood at 20-0.

Although they didn't score, Westfield's offense managed to get 7 first downs to Nichol's 5. Tight end Jeff Stackpole was Westfield's top receiver with 7 receptions for 104 yards.

Defensive standouts for Westfield were captain Bob Erhardt, with 14 tackles, and Kevin Quinn, who had 10 tackles, including 3 sacks. Point of interest: Westfield had the nation's second best pass defense in 1986, 6th overall in the nation for Division III.

The team went on to face New England Football Conference powerhouse Plymouth State in their second game of the season and did not fare as well as in the first, losing 17-7. Plymouth has finished on top of the NEFC for the past six years, and is always a tough opponent at home.

Westfield held their own in this one, however, keeping things close throughout the first half. The Owls struck first, getting a touchdown with 2:15 left in the first quarter. The points came on a four yard pass on an option play from halfback Will Foley to tight end Jeff Stackpole. Rothberg hit the extra point, leaving the score at 7-0, Westfield.

The lead would not last long, however, as Plymouth scored with a minute to go in the first half to even things up at 7-7.

Westfield was unable to score, or to keep Plymouth from doing so, in the second half. The Panthers racked up a 36 yard field goal and a touchdown on a 62 yard play to ensure the win.

Defensive leaders for Westfield were linebackers Bob Erhardt and Pat Donoghue, with 15 and 14 respectively. Mike Asselin added 10, and Andy Guy had 11 to add to the Owl cause.

Quarterback John Maloney completed 10 of 28 passes for a total of 129 yards. He was not as successful in his running game, though, as he made 12 attempts for a net loss of 19 yards.

Westfield rushed for a total of 145 yards, which was 100 less than Plymouth's total of 245 yards.

Once again, Westfield's top receiver was Jeff Stackpole, who caught 5 passes and ran for a total of 53 yards.

Westfield's record now stands at 1-1, and the team will be looking to bring that to 2-1 on September 25, when they face the University of Lowell at home. The Owls have many returning players, and they hope to better last season's winning 5-4 record.

Cross Country Preview

By KAREN FRAWLEY

QUESTION: Which varsity team at Westfield State has earned a .746 winning percentage since its inception in 1971?

ANSWER: The men's cross country team, which perhaps has not always received the recognition it deserves for its achievements.

One statistic that shows just how strong the cross country team has been in past years is that for twelve of the past thirteen years, they have won the state conference meet. The team has consistently been among the best in Division III, and should be in a good position this year to defend their state conference title.

Another highlight in last year's cross country season was the Codfish Bowl Invitational in Boston, where the Owls defeated schools from Division I, II, and III to win both the varsity and junior varsity races.

This year, the team is looking ahead to yet another successful season with the return of some key runners and the arrival of some promising newcomers. The Owls will be led by senior Ken Pliska, who was an important factor in the Codfish Bowl victory last year, where he turned in a third place finish. He also came in second in the Mass State Conference meet to help Westfield win the title.

Other key returning runners for Westfield will be seniors Gregg Callahan and Steve Fleming. Senior Tom Stewart will be looking to make a comeback after undergoing surgery last year, while junior Steve Gaebel will also be a runner to watch.

The Owls' first race of the season will be the Dan Doyle Memorial Run, at home, on September 26. Other important upcoming races are the Codfish Bowl and the state Championships, which will be held at home this year.

Returning runners for Westfield are seniors Mike Kaleta and Brian Hanley, and sophomores Chris Kiatos, Kevin O'Brien, Kevin Worthington, and Tim Cronin, among others. These and several promising freshmem will be running under the direction of first year coach Rick Doiron.

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Cougar and Reef's Sports Shorts

Determination, hard work, and endurance all played a big part in the WSC football team's victory over the University of Lowell Sept. 25. The fighting Owls had many heroes, including a gutsy performance from former Chicopee standout Joe Champigny. Joe recovered enough from a back injury last week to come in and score a first half touchdown against Lowell.

The other offensive highlight of the first half was John Maloney's 21 yard pass to big tight end Jeff Stackpole. Stackpole made a spectacular one-handed grab to put the Owls up 14-0 with 11:23 to go in the half. Unfortunately for Westfield, the next two scores belonged to Lowell, one of them on an 80-yard run, to bring halftime to a close with the score tied at 14.

The tie continued until the fourth quarter, when WSC finally put on a winning surge. Westfield started on its own 17 yardline, and proceeded to produce a sustained drive, covering 17 plays and 82 yards, their longest drive of the season. The 17th play was a one yard touchdown run by sophomore Ken Tacelli for the go-ahead score. After the extra point by Jeff Rothberg, WSC's defense took over and crushed any hopes of Lowell.

Stackpole, Maloney, and Champigny were not alone in their heroics against Lowell. Speedy Carlos Canino's performance at running back must sit as one of the game's major highlights. Canino carried the ball nine yards for a net gain of 91 yards, impressive statistics for a player whose previous claim to fame had been as a running back.

Helping out in the backfield was senior captain Bob Erhardt, with nine rushes for 34 yards to go along with his team leading 16 tackles on defense. Coach Murdock might also be pleased with the continued strong play of the special teams, led offensively by the versatile Canino and defensively by the veteran Kent Moorhouse.

Other news to reach the Sports Shorts team this week concerns the Westfield State boxing club. Although not highly recognized around the school, the club enjoys regional as well as some national recognition. The boxers train long and hard for such tournaments as the Downtown Athletic Club tournament held in New York. Six foot three incher Brad D'Andrea and ex-Jr. Olympic champ Tony Stanton both were invited and are expected to show well for WSC. Sports Shorts reporters have been hearing rumors of a match-up between D'Andrea and Mike Tyson, but at this time, the stories will have to remain rumors.

Switching gears slightly, let's talk about the women's sports programs here at Westfield. Many of WSC's women participate in varsity sports programs, often not receiving the same degree of recognition as the men. Sports Shorts will attempt to close the gap between press coverage of the male and female athletes at WSC.

The Lady Owls volleyball team lost a tough one to Amherst College on Sept. 29, bringing their record to 2-1 overall. The Owls were not able to compete with Amherst's powerful spiking game, and they lost the match in straight sets: 15-11, 15-4, and 15-10. The Sports Shorts team hopes to see more support at the team's next home match, which will take place on Oct. 14 against AIC. So until next week, Sports Shorts is signing off and signing out.

Upcoming Home Games Support Westfield

Upcoming Home Games — Support Westfield!
Sept. 29 Men's Soccer vs. Framingham 7 p.m.
Oct. 6 Women's Tennis vs. Salem State 3 p.m.
Oct. 7 Men's Tennis vs. N. Adams State 3 p.m.
Oct. 9 Football vs. Framingham 7 p.m.
Oct. 13 Women's Soccer vs. Salem State 7 p.m.
Oct. 14 Women's Volleyball vs. AIC 7 p.m.
Oct. 15 Field Hockey vs. Mt. Holyoke 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 17 Cross Country MASCAC's 1 p.m.

Trimnastics program begins...

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WSC 7 Plymouth 17	WSC 2 New Haven 3
FIELD WSC 0 Keene St. 3	WSC 0 Kean 2
HOCKEY WSC 2 W. Conn. 0	WSC 3 SMU 0
MEN'S WSC 2 Cortland 1	WOMEN'S WSC 0 UNH 8
SOCCER WSC 2 Scranton 3	SOCCER WSC 6 Pine Manor 1

Volleyball off to 2-1 start

By Lisa Belvery

The Westfield State women's volleyball team has gotten its 1987 season off to a winning start with two wins and one loss. The team has picked up several promising players, and is looking stronger than it has in recent years.

Westfield started the season with a 3-0 sweep of WNEC, and went on in their second game to shut out UMass-Boston, 3-0.

The team's only loss thus far in the season came at the hands of Amherst College on Sept. 29. The Owls got some strong performances from quite a few individual players, but they could not prevent the Amherst team from scoring.

The team is showing great potential under first year coaches Gwen Keough and Paula Conway. Two key players for the Owls will be co-captains Renee Gawlinski and Rose Duerr. Other returning players are Laurel Ainslie, Coreen Cortze, Laura Kalantzis, and Lisa Weinberg.

The team seems to be working well together with the combination of the veterans and the first year players. The list of newcomers includes sophomores Cindi Thrasher and Kristina Jackivicz, and freshmen Sheila Hallas, Lynne Farrington, Kelly Graves, and Andrea Stafford.

The Owls' next home game will be on Oct. 14 against AIC.

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WSC nips Lowell

WESTFIELD — Ken Tacelli ran for a one-yard touchdown with 1:08 remaining in the fourth quarter to give Westfield State a 21-14 college football victory over the University of Lowell last night at WSC.

Westfield had taken a 14-0 lead in the second quarter on a one-yard run by Joe Champigny and a 21-yard pass from John Maloney to Jeff Stackpole. As was the case on the final touchdown in the fourth quarter, Jeff Rothberg added the extra point. Lowell battled back to tie the game before half, however, on an 11-yard run by Jim Magauro and an 80-yard run by Rob Stabile.

Softball Tour

The Athletes Feet Softball team kept their winning ways in softball by taking the Fall One Pitch Softball Tour. Winning five straight games gave them their FOURTH SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP in the past three years. In the Fall of '84 they began their softball "run," winning that tournament; they won again the Spring Softball League of '86 and the Fall Softball Tournament of '86 as well.

Athlete of The Week

This week's title of Rookie of the Week goes to football player Mike Asselin. Asselin, freshman nose-guard, had an outstanding game against Plymouth State, where he had 10 tackles, 7 for a loss, and 2½ sacks.

Cougar and Reef's Sports Shorts

Although football seems to be on everybody's mind, there are many other sports being played at WSC. The baseball team started its fall season with a loss to the University of Hartford. The 1-0 score indicates the strong effort of the Owls.

The team shows great promise, especially considering the amount of returners to the powerfully slugging Owls. The Owls' .329 team batting average was good enough to capture a sixth place ranking nationally for Division III schools. The pitching staff is expected to be vastly improved over last year's staff. Rookies Joe Heavey and Pat Hurlihey, along with veteran Jim Cronin show great promise thus far in the season, with strong performances from all.

Veteran Greg Roy told the Sports Shorts reporters that "the team will be looking very strong this year, especially on offense."

Leading the attack will be last year's All-Conference star DH Dicky Doyle and "little big man" Greg Roy. With the promise of last year, the fighting Owls should much improve on their 12-16-2 record of last year.

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WSC Runs the Ropes

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By KAREN ADAMSKI

At the beginning of August, Westfield State College completed construction of a new ropes course.

The $9000 course, which was funded by the Student Services Division, Student Senate, and Academics, is located behind Dickinson Hall dormitory.

According to Pat McCabe, program coordinator, the course is an "Outdoor Adventure Challenge" aimed at leadership and group development.

The facility is available for any group consisting of 6 to 16 people that will be together on a regular basis. McCabe said, "The group supports you and things you didn't know you could do."

The course is made up of a series of ladders, slides, catwalks, and pulleys. The participants move at their own pace and set their own goals. Everyone goes through the three stages of the course with a partner.

The groups start with "Barrier Breaking," or initiative games which help develop trust.

They then move on to the low ropes for more trust exercises.

Once the low ropes are completed they move on to the high ropes, which range from 10 ft. to 65 ft. off the ground.

McCabe said that in past years the Student Senate sponsored trips to similar facilities. Having this course on campus will save money and allow more students and groups to participate.

The course was constructed by Pro-Image of Wellesley, Massachusetts, which will inspect and maintain it and train college personnel in its use.

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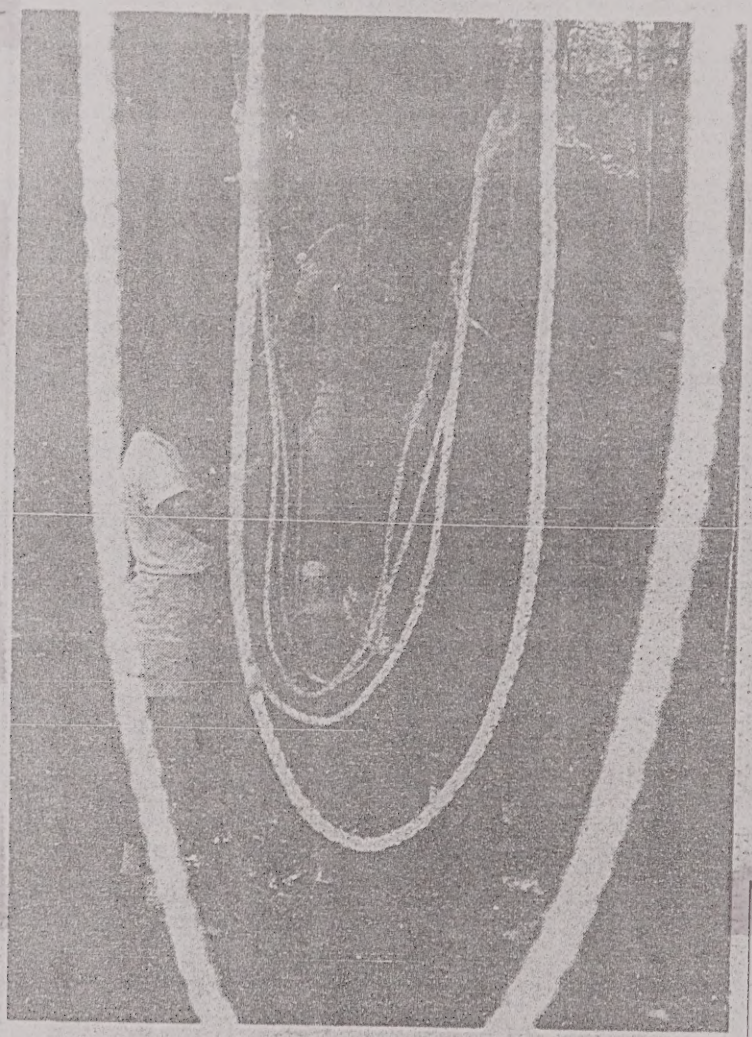

A workout on WSC's new ropes course

Golf Team Gets Respect

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By Karen Frawley

Westfield State's golf team can't claim to be the school's most widely recognized varsity team, but these guys are no slouches when it comes down to teeing it up. The team recently competed in the Filene Intercollegiate Golf Tournament at the New Seabury Country Club, where they came away with an impressive top ten finish, ninth overall.

The tournament included teams from Divisions I, II and III from around New England. The schools that won the divisional trophies were Central Connecticut, Division I; Bryant, Division II, and Salem State, Division III.

Westfield State finished second in Division III, scoring 620 points to Salem's 596. Mark Ouelette was low scorer for the Owls, as he shot 80 on the tough Ocean Course and 73 on the inside course, for a total score of 153, or 11 over par.

Rounding out the scoring for Westfield were Kevin Piecuch (80-76-156), Pat Rahilly (78-78-156), Dean Godek (84-75-159), and Jim Genest (85-74-159). The Owl's next match will be the Toski Invitational on Oct. 4 and 5. The team will also be hosting the Westfield State Invitational on Oct. 12.

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Winning wasn't everything for Westfield State's Kurty

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By RON CHIMELIS

It's not the wins and losses — mostly wins — that Paul Whalley remembers most about John Kurty.

It's not Kurty's 79 percent winning record as men's soccer coach at Westfield State College, where he retired last June as a member of the physical education department.

It's neither the three state high school championships he masterminded at Ludlow from 1963-65, nor the 1974 Westfield team that went to the NCAA Division III Final Four.

"When I was at Westfield, I broke my ankle as a junior, and had knee surgery as a senior," recalled Whalley, who played for the Owls from 1971-74. "And a lot of coaches tend to forget about players when that happens. But he didn't.

"He spent a lot of time with me after that," Whalley continued. "He treated me like a part-time coach, and when I went into (high school) coaching, I used a lot of what I learned from him."

Many soccer players learned many values from John Kurty, who at 62 says he is just beginning to enjoy retirement.

"I still coach the golf team at Westfield, and the golf season ended in late October," the still-busy Kurty points out. "And I enjoy playing golf. I also do some woodworking, and I have some hobbies."

Over 70 former players and associates gathered recently to honor Kurty at a surprise retirement party, and the accolades and memories flowed easily.

At Ludlow High (1955-65), his teams recorded a 150-19-19 record and won the first three state titles after the tournament was organized in 1963.

He moved on to Westfield, where from 1966-77 he was 153-36-13. His 1974 New England champions went to the NCAA Division III Final Four in Chicago.

"I think he was way ahead of his time in terms of coaching," Whalley said. "We were playing ball-possession soccer when not too many other teams in this area were doing it."

"He was like a father to me," said current Ludlow coach Tony Goncalves, who played for Kurty at Westfield State.

During it all, Kurty kept his attitude in perspective. "It's nice to see how well so many of the players are doing in the game of life," he said Friday. "It was a lot of fun for me."

He admits that the players have changed over the years, and in some respects, he feels they've changed for the better.

JOHN KURTY
... remembered his players

In other aspects — generally speaking — he's not so sure.

"There's no question in my mind that the players have much better skills today," Kurty stated. "But the training habits are not what they used to be.

"Let me give you an example," he amplified. "When I first began coaching, I used to sit with the captains before the season, and we'd set down some training rules for in-season. No smoking, no drinking, no late hours."

The times changed, but Kurty's sense of values never wavered. "He cared about whether players went to class," said Whalley, who learned enough about coaching from Kurty to lead Chicopee to a state title in 1983. "He demanded courtesy and class.

"I was fortunate," he continued. "in that I had good parents. But I think his impact was greatest on those players who didn't have that kind of upbringing.

"What comes most immediately to mind," said Bill Lownds, an Easthampton graduate who played played from 1971-74, "was that he tried to pick good people to be on his soccer team."

Kurty's teachings led many former players — among them Whalley, Goncalves, Ludlow assistant Jack Vilaca, Cathedral junior varsity coach Larry Kelly, and Al Streeter, who now assists Joe Pantuosco with the Cathedral varsity — into the coaching ranks.

"He was different than other coaches I'd had," said Streeter. "He had a quiet nature, but if you made a mistake on the field, he'd let you know it in his own way."

Streeter came to Westfield from Dalton's Wahconah Regional in 1968. "That gave me the chance to play with guys like Tony Goncalves and some others," he said of the opportunity, "and that excited me."

Of all those powerhouse Ludlow teams that won or shared nine Western Mass. championships from 1956-65, Kurty remembers the 1965 team best. Ludlow went 21-0 and captured its third straight state title.

"We had quite a team," he recalled. "Bob Augusto, Bob Duarte, Gordon Allen, Bob McCarron. That team, along with the 1974 team at Westfield, may have been my best."

Whalley helped organize Kurty's retirement party because it seemed only natural to repay someone who had, after all, altered his life.

Kurty's quiet, authoritative manner is still paying off. "I couldn't have gone to a better place than Westfield." Bill Lownds recalls today from his Agawam home. "He made soccer fun."

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Men's Flag Football

AFC

Team	W	L	T	GB
G-Spots	3	0	0	—
P. Shamrocks	2	0	0	½
Soviets	2	1	0	1
P. Flaps	2	1	0	1
Raiders	2	1	0	1
Soaks	1	1	1	1½
Feet	1	2	0	2
WSC Trojg	0	1	1	2
L. Courage	0	2	0	2½
Rockets	0	9	0	x

NFC

Team	W	L	T	GB
M. Blasters	2	0	0	—
Motorcs	2	0	0	—
Coronas	2	0	0	—
P. Necklace	1	1	0	1
R. Rebels	1	1	0	1
Drillers	1	1	0	1
B. Bros.	1	2	0	1½
Cav Lavs	0	2	0	2
Snatch Batch	0	3	0	2½

Women Flag Football

Team	W	L	T	GB
Huba Duba	2	0	0	—
WFA	2	0	0	—
Spanky's	1	1	0	1
Rasta Children	1	1	0	1
Trouble	0	1	0	1½
Slippery N.	0	1	0	1½
Future Shock	0	2	0	2

Flag Football Standings

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Men

AFC

	WIN	LOSS	TIE
G. Spots	4	1	0
P. Shamrocks	4	0	1
Raiders	5	2	0
P. Flaps	3	1	1
Soviets	4	3	1
A. Feet	3	4	0
Soaks	2	2	1
WSC Trojans	1	3	1
L. Courage	0	4	0

NFC

Motorcs	5	0	0
P. Necklace	4	1	0
M. Blasters	4	1	0
Coronas	2	2	0
B. Bros.	2	3	0
R. Rebels	2	3	0
Drillers	1	2	0
Snatch Batch	1	5	0
Cav-lavs	0	3	0

Women

	WIN	LOSS	TIE	GB
Huba Duba	3	0	0	x
Spankys	3	1	0	½
WFA	2	1	0	1
Future Shock	2	2	0	1½
Rasta Child	1	3	0	2½
Trouble	0	2	1	2½
Slippery N.	0	2	1	2½

Cross country first at Williams

OCT. 1987

By Karen Frawley

Add another notch to the victory belt of the WSC men's cross country team. The runners showed why they are the defending champs of the State Conference as they claimed this latest victory at the Williams College Invitational meet on Sept. 26.

The Owls placed first in a field of over a dozen teams, which included almost 100 runners. One of the most promising aspects of the victory was the fact that Westfield defeated Bates College, which is ranked ahead of the Owls in the Division III poll for New England. Westfield should be moving up in the rankings as a result of this meet. Bates finished second at Williams with 82 points to WSC's 62. Bridgewater State was third with 123 points, indicating that it will provide stiff competition in the conference meet.

Senior Ken Pliska turned in a fine performance for Westfield as he claimed first place with a time of 26:28. Junior Steve Gaebel also had a strong race, as he notched a time of 27:19 for eighth place.

Senior Gregg Callahan took the fifteenth spot in 27:40, and Tom Stewart was right behind at 27:44 for seventeenth. Sophomore Chris Kiatos was fifth man, turning in a time of 27:52 for the Owls.

On Oct. 3, the cross country team will be looking to add to their successes as they compete at the Amherst Invitational.

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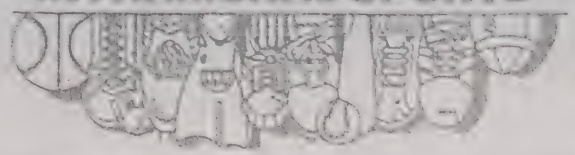

Sunday 5 on 5 Basketball League . . . Rosters Due Thursday, Oct. 1st.

LEAGUE BEGIN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4th.

Trimnastics Registrations Accepted Starting Monday, October 5th.

Trimnastics Program begins Tuesday, October 13th.

Soccer League begins Thursday, October 15 . . . Rosters due Oct. 8

Managers, Supervisors, Officials----Meeting 6 p.m. Oct. 15th.

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Basketball

There will be a mandatory meeting of all men and women's basketball candidates on Oct. 6 at 4 p.m. in the Parenzo gym.

Support Group

There is a support group for students who are or have been under medical care, and who feel that they miss out on a lot of college life. Contact Dr. Joan Corell at the Center for Psychological Services, Wilson 133, ext. 382. Or come to the meeting Oct. 7 at 2:30 p.m. in Wilson 133.

Track

There will be an important informational track meeting on Oct. 7 at 5 p.m. The meeting will be held in Wilson Auditorium. Anyone interested in competing in winter or spring track is encouraged to attend. Anyone unable to attend this meeting should contact Coach Gravel or Doug Allen between 2:30 and 3:30 p.m., weekdays, in Parenzo gym.

Intramurals

People interested in joining the Intramural Board are welcome. The meeting will be conducted on Oct. 5 at 6:30 p.m. in Ely 231.

Psychology Club

Psychology Club/Psi Chi will meet on Wednesdays at 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. in W-114. All people interested in psychology are welcome.

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Ken Pliska

Athlete of the Week

Athlete of the Week honors go to senior Ken Pliska, who took first place at last week's Williams Invitational meet to lead Westfield State to victory. Pliska won the Amherst Invitational last year, and also was a key factor in last year's conference championship, where he finished second.

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Westfield welcomes new S.I.D.

BY KAREN FRAWLEY

Westfield State said goodbye to one Curtis and hello to another this year in the sports information department. Curtis Pires, Westfield State's former sports information director, moved on, and with his departure comes the arrival of Mickey Curtis, Westfield's new sports information director.

Curtis has a strong and diverse background and should prove to be a valuable asset to the Westfield athletic community.

Curtis is a native of Punxsutawney, Penn., and he is a graduate of Indiana University of Pennsylvania, where he majored in history and minored in journalism. After graduation, he served as sports editor for a daily paper, an experience which added to his entensive background in newspapers.

He decided to get into the sports information field during graduate school, where he also worked as sports editor for a weekly paper. For the past two years, he has worked as the assistant SID at Edinboro College. He found Edinboro to be "good training ground," and said that his time there allowed him to become familiar with the state college system.

Curtis compared WSC favorably to other schools where he has been. He feels that the athletic atmosphere at Westfield State is different than what he saw at other schools, in part due to the fact that Westfield is a Division III school.

"I've only been here a week, but I've noticed that everything is more relaxed here, from the atmosphere right down to the coaches.

Another key difference between Westfield and other schools is the larger number of varsity sports at Westfield compared to the shcools. Curtis said, "Twenty-two varsity sports is a lot. Where I was, there were only fourteen or fifteen, but each wanted everything done at once."

Curtis enjoys working with college students and he hopes to get "additional recognition for the athletes." As for the fans, he is impressed even having been here for only a week.

"Almost everyone in the school seems to either get involved or take an interest," Curtis said. "I came from a school with 6000 students, and there was so much apathy about sports there. I don't see that apathy here at all."

Mickey Curtis is looking forward to his new job and the improved working conditions he has found at Westfield. He says that he "enjoys sports, giving information, and working with the kids, and in this job, it all goes together."

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Games of the week

—the Men's and women's cross country teams will be hosting the 1987 MASCACS Championships on Oct. 17 at noon in Stanley Park.
—the Men's soccer team will face a tough North Adams State team at the turf on Oct. 16 at 7 p.m.
—the Women's volleyball team will go up against AIC on Oct. 17, at 7 p.m. in Parenzo Gym.
—the Women's tennis team is playing Fitchburg State at home on Oct. 17 at 3:30 p.m.
—the Women's soccer team faces Springfield at 7 p.m. on Oct. 15.

Westfield's Women's Field Hockey team is 2-0 so far this season. Their next home game will be Oct. 15 against Mount Holyoke at 3:30 on the turf.

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WSC football team continues fine play

BY KAREN FRAWLEY

Somebody forgot to tell the Westfield State football team that summer ended on September 21. As of October 8, these guys are still very hot.

The Owls defeated Western New England College on October 3 by a score of 28-21, which brings their record to 3-1. The 3-1 record also happens to tie the football team's best start ever — an indication of good things to come.

The win over WNEC was by no [illegible] had a few very close calls before they could chalk this one up in the W column. With 5:14 left to play, WNEC began a drive that set up a first and goal [illegible]. WNEC had a great chance to tie up the game, but [illegible] field defense held them back. Westfield tight end Jeff Stackpole was the key to the Owl's final defensive push, as he stifled WNEC's fourth down [illegible]

[illegible] touchdown in this high [illegible] game came with eight minutes remaining in the first quarter, when Stackpole hauled in a five yard pass from QB John Maloney. [illegible] play that set up that touchdown.

Westfield's lead would not last long, however, as WNEC came back to score two quick touchdowns.

The Owl's tied the score just before halftime on a pretty 66 yard pass from Maloney to Nick Miglionco, on the first play of the drive.

The [illegible] again as speedy WNEC tailback Jim Parker ran the ball in for a 76 yard touchdown. Westfield coach Jack [illegible] "I think we held Parker down pretty well, except for the [illegible] play. We played him just like we would play anyone [illegible]

After Parker's spectacular run, which put the score at 21-14, WNEC, things started to go Westfield's way. This time, Westfield's offense got a needed spark from the defense, when Leo Coughlin got his hands on the WNEC punt, which gave the ball to the Owls on the WNEC 30 yard line. The very successful Maloney-Stackpole [illegible] pulled off a completed pass for the score, which knotted things up at 21 all.

The final score of the game was Westfield's, as Eric Ryder returned a blocked punt for 35 yeads and the [illegible] little too close for Westfield's [illegible] there and pulled off the victory.

Westfield was [illegible] gained, 271-151, in rushing yardage, but outdid WNEC in passing yardage, [illegible] of 13 attempts, with three of those [illegible]

Individual offensive standouts in this one for Westfield, as far as rushing is concerned, were Ken Taceili, with 11 attempts for a net gain of 57 yards, and Will Foley, with six [illegible] for a net gain of 38 yards.

Pass receiving for the Owls was left mainly in the hands of Stackpole and freshman Nick Miglionoco. Miglioneco put on quite a show as he caught three passes and turned them into 111 yards gained. Stackpole hauled in four passes, good for 55 yards and two touchdowns.

Punter Jeff Rothberg had a strong showing for the Owls, as he averaged 30.9 yards seven punts, with a long kick of 50 yards.

[illegible] from the tough play of Bob Erhardt and Pat Donahue. Erhardt had an outstanding night with 18 tackles, and Donoghue added 14. Other important contributors on the defensive end were Al Laporte (nine tackles), Kevin Quinn, and Bob Hartnett [illegible]

With this win under their belts, the football team is setting its sights on the Framingham State game, which will take place on October 9. The Owls will be off to their best start ever (4-1) if they defeat Framingham. Due to this season's new divisional alignment, Westfield has a good shot at winning the NEFC South Division.

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Cougar and Reef's Sports Shorts

With a [illegible] and you know why.

Although the Owls' [illegible] game against WNEC, we would like to note a few key performers.

The Owls' [illegible] is being helped in the small part by senior tight end Jeff Stackpole. Against WNEC, Stackpole caught two touchdown passes, strengthening his bid in a longshot quest for the Heisman Trophy.

Another key player was cat-like defensive tackle, Bob Hartnett. The deceptively quick Hartnett made a game-saving tackle late in the game to further aid the OWLs' effort.

Special teams' play continues to improve, with the score tied at 21 - 21. The OWLs' special team blocked a punt and maneuvered the football into the end zone.

This special team effort enabled the Owls to hold on to the lead which led to victory.

Other football highlights are those on the intramural level. Many teams have great talent, not to be underestimated by far. Some of these intramural players can play on the same field as the WSC college football team.

For example, Greg Roy, quarterback for the highly praised and talented Master Blasters got recruited to the football team last year.

The other intramural teams to make a statement this year are the Motorcs and Pearl Necklace. These two teams show promise.

In the other league, the Soviets and the P Flaps are the dark horse teams to challenge the powerful G. Spots.

The Sports Shorts reporters, known for giving the correct assumptions, go out on a limb and feel that the two best teams are the Master Blasters in the AFC, and the Soviets in the NFC.

With that in mind, we shall conclude until next week. Be ready for more disturbing highlights.

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The Owl Scoreboard

FOOTBALL (3-1)
WSC 28 WNEC 21

FIELD HOCKEY (3-2)
WSC 3 ELMS 1

MEN'S SOCCER (7-3)
WSC 3 UMASS 1
WSC 7 MASS MARITIME 0

MEN'S TENNIS (1-4)
WSC 0 N. ADAMS 9

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL (3-4)
WSC 0 SMITH 3
WSC 3 FRAM 1
WSC 0 BRIDGEPORT 3

WOMEN'S TENNIS (1-3)
WSC 6 N. ADAMS 1
WSC 7 BRIDGEPORT 0

X-COUNTRY
WSC - second at Amherst Inv.

Flag Football Standings

MEN

AFC	WIN	LOSS	TIE
G-Spots	8	1	0
P. Shamrocks	6	2	1
P. Flaps	6	1	1
Raiders	4	4	0
A. feet	4	4	0
Soviets	5	3	0
WSC Trojans	1	6	1
L. courage	2	6	0
Soaks	0	6	2

Intramurals

SUNDAY 5 ON 5 BASKETBALL LEAGUE ...ROSTERS ACCEPTED THRU OCT. 16
LEAGUE BEGINS OCTOBER 18 at 6 P.M.
TRIMNASTICS REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED STARTING MONDAY, OCT. 26
PROGRAM BEGINS WEDNESDAY, OCT. 14
SOCCER LEAGUE BEGINS THURSDAY, OCT. 15
LATE ROSTERS ACCEPTED UNTIL OCT. 14

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Varsity Daze

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By KAREN FRAWLEY

It's October 15, 2 years ago. I woke up [illegible] thinking, "This is it- this is the day!" I [illegible] bed, well, OK, I kind of [illegible] endured the monotony of classes, and wanted impatiently for 3:30 to arrive. The reason for my anxiety?

The answer is simple — basketball tryouts were to begin that day. I had prepared feverishly for this occasion— when I think of all the hours upon hours spent practicing, I cringe. Every spare moment of the pre-freshman summer was devoted to [illegible] than anything, I wanted to be [illegible] four years of high school [illegible] ty team" seemed like the pot of [illegible] rainbow.

Well, I went through tryouts, and I did make the [illegible] I remember bugging the coach day after day in freshman fashion — "Did I make it? Have you [illegible] yet? When will you [illegible] on the list of those [illegible] triumph that erased all [illegible] spent practicing alone. I had set out to do something and I had done it — there's no feeling quite like it.

Unfortunately, reality soon set in. As most athletes are only too aware, making the team is one thing, but playing? That's another. I looked around at my teammates, and it seemed that everyone else was so talented, so basketball-smart, and there I was so, well, there I was.

I learned the meaning of the word "benchwarming" during the next two seasons, believe me. Sometimes I felt more like a fan than a player, actually. I did have a few bright moments on the court, but they were so few and far between that I began to wonder if the time involved with playing was worth the rewards, or lack of them. As I became more and more discouraged with my lack of playing time, I also became more convinced that I was not cut out to be a basketball player, that I just didn't have what it took, whatever that was. Whether this was true or not, I began to search for ways to justify having spent two long seasons doing something at which I appeared to be a total failure. What kind of fool [illegible] anyway?

Looking back, I find that I had not wasted my time after all, and maybe, just maybe, I wasn't a failure [illegible]

[illegible] one valuable experience I will take from my [illegible] as a varsity athlete is the fact that I met many [illegible] whose paths I never would have crossed had it not [illegible] for basketball. There's no easier way to get to know [illegible] someone than if you already share something in common [illegible] with that person — it establishes an instant camaraderie.

Playing varsity ball was fun, there's no denying that. There is nothing like finishing a really tough scrimmage or set of drills and knowing, just knowing, that you gave it everything you had.

Something I'll miss about not playing anymore is the feeling of being part of a team. If anyone had asked me about "team spirit" after yet another game that I hadn't gotten into, I probably wouldn't have had much to say — in fact I remember being really mad sometimes. But now, especially now that I'm not playing, I can honestly say that I did feel that I had a part in every victory and loss, whether I played in that game or not.

When I wake up this October 15, I might say to myself, "this is it — this is the day!" And then, when I am fully awake, I'll remember that, no, I won't be lacing up my sneakers and filling the lane on the fast break today. When I think about how much I'll miss the game, and about how much fun I had while I did play, I'll know that it wasn't a waste of time at all. Anyway, good luck to those who will be trying out this year — I envy you — but not during those great Saturday morning practices!

Joe Conry

Athlete of the Week

This week's athlete of the week is soccer player Joe Conry of Needham. Conry had five goals in the team's recent (8-1) victory over Framingham State, and he had two goals in the Oct. 7 game, a 7-0 win over Mass. Maritime. Conry already has 24 points on the season, which betters last season's mark of 22 points. The soccer team currently is on quite a tear, having allowed only two goals in the last five games. They are 7-3 so far this season and have won their last five games in decisive fashion.

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Men's cross country —

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Second place at Amherst

By KAREN FRAWLEY

Westfield State's men's cross country team finished a strong second in the Amherst Invitational Meet last week at Amherst College.

The Owls had four runners finish in the top 10 in this one, very respectable considering the fact that they were not running at full team strength this week.

Only five teams participated in the meet, finishing in this order: Amherst, WSC, Williams, Trinity, and North Adams. Westfield finished six points behind first place Amherst.

The top finisher for Westfield was Junior Steve Gaebel with a time of 27:09 on the five mile course. Right behind him was senior Gregg Callahan in 27:15. Gaebel and Callahan finished fourth and fifth overall. Senior Tom Steward took seventh overall with a time of 27:26, while sophomore Chris Kiatos ran the course in 27:35, good for ninth place.

First year coach Rick Doiron is pleased with his team's performance. Thus far in the season. He says that the team has a good opportunity to make it to the Nationals if things go right. "It depends on injuries, getting the runners into shape, and having them peak at the same time."

"Peaking" involves cutting down on quantity and substituting quality training and rest in an effort to get faster times out of the runners.

Doiron says qualifying for Nationals as a team will be "tough," but by no means does he rule out the possibility. "Everybody is mostly healthy," he says, "with the exception of Steve Fleming, who has top five potential," according to doiron.

If the Owls fail to qualify as a team, there also exists the possibility that individuals may qualify for Nationals. Doiron says the best bet for individual qualifying runners would be senior Ken Pliska, who has proven his talent many times in the past. Doiron also would not rule out junior Steve Gaebel or senior Gregg Callahan as potential qualifiers.

Coach Doiron is more than satisfied with his team's performance thus far, saying that so far everyone is working hard and running 'to their capabilities'. What more could a coach ask of his team?"

WSC senior, 22, dies

Daniel McKeague, 22, a senior at Westfield State College, was found dead in his Sycamore Street apartment on Oct. 11.

McKeague, a business major from Bridgewater, was to have graduated in the spring of 1988.

He attended Bridgewater-Raynham Regional High School, where he played varsity football. He graduated from there in 1983.

At Westfield State, McKeague was active in varsity and intramural football.

Dave Moorhouse and John Dullea, who write the Cougar and Reef Sports Shorts column, described McKeague as "an excellent student, a member of the 1986 football team, and a special friend to many."

"He will be sadly missed," they said, adding a quote from the Grateful Dead in their tribute:

"You know our love will not fade away."

Details of the funeral arrangements were not available.

Dan McKeague

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Big win for football team

By KAREN PRAWLEY

Anyone who considers him or herself a fan of Westfield's football team who did not make it to their October 9 game against Framingham State should turn in their fan club membership card immediately. You unfortunate people missed a great game!

Despite losing starting quarterback John Maloney very early in the game due to a fractured collarbone, Westfield managed to pull off a 28-7 victory over Framingham.

The player of the game would have to be Eric Ryder, a [illegible] plays safety but who also acts as Westfield's second QB. Ryder got his chance at QB because of Maloney's injury, and he came through with three touchdown passes and another 6 points on a run-in.

The win brings Westfield's record to 4-1, the Owl's best start in their 7 year history.

It was Framingham who struck first in the latest Westfield victory, however. The Rams scored on a one yard run-in with 5:06 to go in the first quarter. As far as offensive output was concerned, that would just about do it for Framingham. The rest of the game was all Westfield.

Fittingly enough, it was Ryder who got things started for Westfield. Ryder put Westfield on the board with a six yard run for the touchdown, tying things up at seven with 11:19 to go in the second quarter. At half time, the score was still tied at seven but that wouldn't last for long.

Westfield's next TD came on a pretty 71 yard pass from Ryder to tight end Jeff Stackpole. Stackpole pulled in eight passes for a total of 152 yards.

Framingham made a strong comeback attempt a little later in the third. The Rams earned four consecutive first downs, mostly on long passes. Running back Chuck Carucci broke up a potentially dangerous Framingham scoring drive with his interception of yet another long pass. Caucci, a freshman, had his first start in this game, and he came through with two big interceptions and five tackles.

The Owls opened the fourth quarter with a strong scoring bid which covered 65 yards. The drive included two great passes from Ryder to freshman wide receiver Nick Miglioico, who prior to the game had made eight catches for 219 yards. The Owls went ahead 21-7 on the play.

Things were starting to fall apart for Framingham at this point. Safety Scott Eidinger and linebacker Pat Donoghue broke up two consecutive Framingham plays, and it seemed that the Rams couldn't do anything against the Westfield defense. The Owl's last touchdown came with 6:18 remaining in the game. Once again, it was Stackpole on the receiving end of a Ryder pass. Stackpole made a difficult catch to give him his second touchdown for the game.

The scoring may have been over for Westfield at that point, but the defensive show was not. Defensive stalwart Kevin Quinn sacked the hapless Framingham QB twice in a row shortly after Westfield's last touchdown. Quinn had three sacks and 11 tackles for the game.

Team captain Rob Erhardt was both an offensive and defensive standout in the game. He increased his season tackles to 77 with 14 this week. Erhardt, a pre-season All American, also rushed for 45 yards. Gary Garland led the Owls in rushing with a net gain of 46 yards, while Ken Tacelli rushed for a total of 26 yards. Tacelli has been Westfield's leading rusher, with 33 carries for 109 yards so far this season. As a team, the Owls rushed for 117 yards while the Rams were held to an 18 yard loss in rushing.

Jeff Rothberg, Westfield's freshman kicker, went into the Framingham game with a conference-leading punting average of 37.2 yards. In this game, he had six punts for 222 yards and an average of 37 yards.

Second string quarterback Eric Ryder was an important factor in Westfield's victory, and he showed himself to be a very versatile player. Ryder was a defensive key in Westfield's victory over WNEC. With Westfield behind in the game's final minutes, he blocked the WNEC punt and ran the ball back for 35 yards and the game-winning score. He was subsequently named co-defensive player of the week in the NEFC. In the game against Framingham, he took the reins at QB and proceeded to complete 11 of 25 passes, to throw three touchdown passes, and to run in for another touchdown. Not a bad effort.

So far this season, the Owls are averaging 20.8 points to their opponents' 11.8, and have outscored their opponents 104-59. Both figures reflect Westfield's 4-1 record. The Owls face Mass Maritime in an away game on October 17. Their next home game will be on October 31 against Bridgewater State.

Equestrian Club offers alternatives

By JANICE TRACEY and PATRICIA ROBBINS

As the average Westfield student, have you had it with the passive, no-action feeling that you get from endless hours of TV viewing? Tired of worrying about the "freshman fifteen" but never doing anything about it? Isn't it about time you experienced life outside your dorm?

Are you wondering where you can accomplish all this?

Well, try the WSC Equestrian Club. Through the professional instructors at the King Oak Farm in Southampton, the WSCEC receives quality instruction in English hunt seat riding.

The WSC Equestrian Club offers a great and affordable opportunity to experience a sport that is financially out of reach for most people. Members also learn to care for the horses they ride.

The club also maintains a group of students who compete as a team in an intercollegiate circuit. Many students enter the club as beginners. Some finish their years at WSC competing intercollegiately, while many students prefer to continue taking the weekly lessons.

The club is available to students year round and conducts meetings in Scanlon Activities Room Tuesdays at 8 p.m. For more information, contact Trish at x-493, Dave at x-554, or Tina at x-523.

Athlete of the Week

Aimee Ross

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This week's athlete of the week is soccer player Aimee Ross. Ross, a junior forward from Andover, has been the driving offensive force behind the Owl attack this season. She had the only two goals in the team's recent win over WNEC, and two of the three goals against Manhattanville. She also had a very aggressive game against Salem State, which is currently ranked fifth in the ISAA Division III. Westfield held Salem to a 0-0 tie in that game.

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Volleyball team drops game to AIC

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By KAREN FRAWLEY

The Westfield State women's volleyball team dropped their record to 4-7 on Oct. 14 as they lost their match against AIC, three games to two.

The Owls opened up strongly but couldn't keep their momentum going as the match wore on. They won the opening two games both by a score of 15-12. The two wins featured effective serving by freshmen Andrea Stafford and Lynne Farrington. Sophomore Lisa Weinberg was an all-around standout [illegible] blocking went. Captains Renee Gawlinski and [illegible] provided strong play setting [illegible] the match.

Senior hitter Laurel Ainslie was all over the court for Westfield with some difficult digs and saves.

Game three was the turning point for AIC. They finally got their act together and got off to a 7-2 lead. This game featured many exciting volleys that unfortunately did not result in any points for Westfield. Despite aces by Farrington and Weinberg, and tremendous volleys by the entire Westfield team, the Owls dropped the third game.

Game four didn't go much better for Westfield, mainly because of miscommunication and lack of coverage on a few key plays. The Owls staged a comeback behind the strong serving of Stafford, and subsequently closed the gap to 11-9. Unfortunately, they couldn't hold AIC back, eventually losing the game, 15-9.

Westfield knew it was in trouble at the start of the fifth game, when AIC got out to an 8-0 start. The Owls made a valiant effort to get back into things with some spirited volleys and good blocks, but once again lack of coverage hurt them at keypoints, and they lost the final game 15-3.

The volleyball team will look to improve its record to 5-7 at North Adams State on Oct. 17.

...for the record...for the record...

FOR THE RECORD

—Members of the WSC golf team participated in the ECAC Qualifying Tournament on Oct. 17-18.

—There will be a meeting for all those interested in participating in women's winter track on Oct. 21 at 6 p.m. in Parenzo Gym.

—Kevin Quinn, a defensive end of the WSC football team, was named defensive player of the week and made the ECAC honor roll for his performance in Westfield's win over Framingham.

—The women's soccer team will face North Adams State at home on Oct. 22 at 7 p.m.

—The field hockey team has home games on Oct. 21 at 3:30 against Williams and at 1 p.m. against Bridgewater.

—The men's soccer team faces Roger Williams at home on Oct. 25 at 7 p.m.

—The women's volleyball team plays against Fitchburg on Oct. 19 at 7 p.m.

—Men's tennis — on Oct. 19 and 22, against Bridgewater and UMass, both at 3 p.m.

—Women's tennis — Oct. 22, at home, vs. Mt. Holyoke at 3 p.m.

—Westfield's football team is ranked sixth in the NE Div III poll.

—The men's soccer team is currently ranked tenth in the ISAA Div III poll.

—The men's cross country team checks in at number five in the NE Div III poll.

—The players on all of these teams need some home team support!

Women's X-country off to good start

By KAREN FRAWLEY

Things were looking pretty bleak for the women's cross country team earlier this season. The idea of running miles and miles each day had generated little interest, and the team had only two or three legitimate members — hardly enough to field a competitive team.

That all changed with the arrival of first year coach Ann Dever, who took matters into her own hands and stirred up some interest in the program. Right now there are nine team members, most of them with extensive backgrounds in running. Five of the nine runners were ready to compete in last Saturday's Codfish Bowl, and those five performed well enough to give Westfield an eighth place finish overall. Fifteen women's teams from around the states, including well over 100 runners, competed in the meet.

Dever stresses that this will be a "rebuilding year" for the Owls. She was very pleased with the team's performance in the Codfish Bowl, where Westfield defeated every state school present except Fitchburg State.

As for future meets, Dever is optimistic.

"We've got a shot at winning the conference meet (Oct. 17) — not a shot in the dark at all. We're going in as underdogs, but we'll give them a good run," she said.

Coach Dever's optimism is due, she says, to her team's positive attitude. "The team is very positive about the situation. Everyone is experienced as far as running goes —— that's a plus —— and we'll get even stronger as time goes by."

Of the five who competed in the Codfish Bowl for Westfield, senior captain Lisa Desforge was the top finisher, placing thirtieth overall. Deb Lievi was second for Westfield and 38 overall, and Tricia Galliger was right behind at 42. Lisa Belvery and Anne Marie Rheaume were 72 and 73, respectively. Dever expects to have seven runners ready to compete in the MASCAC Championships on Oct. 17.

Women's Flag Football Final Results

Huba Duba	6-0
Spanky's	4-2
WFA	3-3
Future Shock	4-2
R. Children	1-4
Trouble	0-4-1
Slippery No.	0-3-1

Final Game: Huba Duba defeated Spanky's to win the championship.

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Soccer team in bid for playoffs

OCT. 1987

By MICKEY CURTIS

Three weeks remain in the regular season and the Westfield State College soccer team is right where it wants to be - in contention for a postseason playoff berth.

The Owls, 7-3 overall and 2-0 in conference play, carried a five-game winning streak in Wednesday's game against Western New England, the first of eight tough contests left during the final season three weeks of the season. Other key clashes left include a home match against North Adams this Friday at 7 p.m., and trips to Fitchburg and Salem on Oct. 19 and 28.

It all makes for an interesting and exciting end to the regular season, and Westfield Head Coach Jim Fonte is [illegible] to smack the challenging schedule.

"My teams usually start to peak one third of the way through the season and we're right on schedule," said the veteran coach. "The last two weeks we have matured quite a bit. The kids have come together as a unit more than anything. They are meshing on the field and I think the major thing is their belief in one another has come to the surface at this stage."

Westfield is not a team with a lot of star players. It has relied on great leadership and a sound defense which is giving up only 1.1 goals per game. Fittingly, however, the team's leading scorer [illegible] the squad's only senior, Joe Conry of Needham. Others seeing a lot of playing time include juniors Mark Gonsalves of Bridgewater, Pat Sullivan of Westfield, Pat Connelly of North Andover, Joe Riordan of Braintree, Rudy Veldwijk of Springfield, Ged Driscoll of Marshfield and Daryl Zanardi of Springfield; and freshmen Tom Smith of Springfield, Glen Feldman of Holliston and Corey Huston of Bridgewater.

"I compare this team to my 1984 team, where there is a certain magic that brings the kids together," said Fonte. "It's a talented group but their strength lies in the willingness to work hard as a team to strive for a victory."

Westfield's ultimate goal is earning an NCAA playoff bid. Four New England teams will receive Division III playoff bids, including the MASCAC champion. The Owls are currently ranked the tenth best team in New England, and they hope to move up in the ratings to further strengthen their chances of qualifying for the NCAA tournament.

"Every game is important in our quest for an NCAA bid," said Fonte. Making the playoffs will be good experience, especially for a young team like ours," he said.

"We have to make believers out of people."

Golfers qualify for tournament

By MICKEY CURTIS

The Westfield State golf team earned a prestigious honor this week as it received a bid to participate in the ECAC tournament. The ECAC golf championship, a two day, 36-hole event, will be conducted Oct. 17-18 at the Shawnee Inn Resort in Shawnee on the Delaware, Pa., located near Philadelphia.

"Just being selected to go is an honor," said Westfield veteran golf coach John Kurty. "It's remarkable considering there will be many Division One schools there that award scholarships. I'm quite happy and the kids are happy, too."

The Owls earned a bid on the strength of their fourth place finish in the recent ECAC Northern New England golf qualifier held in Hartford. Also qualifying from the region were the host team Hartford University, Yale and Providence, all Division One schools. Westfield's wins over Yale and Providence in tournaments earlier this season also impressed the selection committee.

This will be Westfield's first ever trip to the ECAC championships, the 28th annual and one of the largest amateur golf events in the country. Last year, 17 teams and 115 golfers qualified for the ECAC championship. The 27-hole Shawnee Inn Resort course has hosted several prestigious tournaments in the past, including the 1967 NCAA golf championship, won by Hale Irwin, and the 1938 PGA championship.

Playing the demanding course for Westfield will be juniors Kevin Pieczuch (Williamsburg), senior Dead Godek (Chicopee), senior Patrick [illegible]ability (Chicopee), senior Mark Ouellette (Middletown, Conn.), and senior Scott Dyer (Easthampton). Godek and Ouellette both qualified as individuals by shooting 74s at the regional meet.

INTRAMURAL SPORTS

Flag Football Information

All-Star Game — Wednesday, Oct. 21
Semi-Final Game — Monday, Oct. 19
Master Blasters vs. P. Necklace (NFC)
Final Game vs. G Spots (AFC)
Tuesday, Oct. 20

Men's Flag Football Final Standings

AFC		NFC	
G Spots	8-1	Motores	7-1
P. Shamrocks	6-2-1	P. Necklace	6-1-1
P. Flaps	7-1-1	M. Blasters	5-3
Raiders	4-5	B. Brothers	4-4
A. Feet	5-4	Drillers	5-3
Soviets	6-3	R. Rebels	3-5
WSC Trojans	2-6-1	Cororas	3-4-1
L. Courage	2-7	Snatch Batch	1-7
Soaks	0-7-1	Cav-lavs	0-8

Football team poised for best season ever

[illegible] worst that could happen to the [illegible] Football team [illegible] their best season ever. With a [illegible] Maritime on October 17, the Owls are assured of at least that much [illegible]

There is, however, no reason for such pessimism, and the scenario described above would appear to be an unlikely one. After the win over Mass. Maritime, the Owls had something a bit different in mind for the end of the season -- something having to do with divisional titles and championship games and things of [illegible]

Westfield will get a good indication of where its fate in that direction lies after it plays Worcester State on October 24. Both Westfield (5-1) and Worcester (4-1) are currently 2-0 in the conference, and it is likely that the team that wins this contest will [illegible] The divisional champion will host the conference championship game on November 14.

But that's getting just a little bit ahead of ourselves. For now, the story is Westfield's win over Mass. Maritime. It would be impossible, not to mention unfair, to single out any one player as the sole hero of this game -- it was truly a team effort. In fact, Westfield's entire season thus far has been an admirable example of team effort.

So far this season, Westfield is outscoring their opponents 23.0 - 12.5, out-rushing them 95.7 - 89.3, out-passing them 167.7 - 140.5, out-tackling them 561 - 464, and, for the most part, generally out-playing them all around.

Surprisingly enough, it was not the [illegible] first in the game. That touchdown came on a three yard run into the [illegible] however, and came right back to tie things up at 6-6. The first Westfield [illegible] first quarter on a 1 yard run by new-found quarterback Eric Ryder. In his [illegible] Ryder connected on 12 of 22 pass attempts, [illegible]

The score stuck at 6-6 (both sides [illegible] attempt) until Mass. Maritime hit a field goal to take the lead, 9-6 to end the first half.

Westfield came out roaring in the [illegible] completed a pass to Nick Miglionco, who ran for 24 yards and the score. A [illegible] Westfield picked up another 2 points on a safety, when Pat Donoghue blocked a punt that went out of the endzone. These two plays pushed the score up quickly to 15-9, Westfield.

One of the big stories of the game was the extraordinary play of freshman Chuck Carucci. Playing in only his second college game, Carucci intercepted a Mass. Maritime pass with 5:19 to go in the third and ran it back for the touchdown. As if that were not enough, Carucci also had two other interceptions: one pass break up, seven tackles, and five punt returns for 26 yards. His accomplishments did not go unrecognized -- he was named to the ECAC Player of the Week honor roll and also was [illegible] defensive player of the week in the NSFC. Carucci has had five interceptions in the only two games of his college career.

Photo by Mickey Curtis, '10

Westfield's football team looks to the future.

Mass. Maritime scored once more with 3:10 to go in the third quarter, which just about wrapped things up for them.

Westfield wasn't quite finished, however. The Owls scored twice more, once on a 41 yard pass from Ryder to Miglionco, for their second touchdown connection of the half, to increase the lead to 29-16. Miglionco caught five passes for a total of 153 yards in the game. He has been averaging four points a game on the season.

The last touchdown of the game came when tight end Jeff Stackpole took a turn at passing and threw a 23 yarder to Will Foley for the score and a final of 36-16. Stackpole had a few other impressive stats to go along with his touchdown toss. He caught seven passes for a total of 109 yards in the game, and he has been averaging six points a game for the season.

Versatile team captain Bob Erhardt turned in his usual outstanding performance on both the offensive and defensive sides. He rushed for 40 yards to go along with his 10 tackles. Erhardt is averaging 71 yards rushed per game, second on the team behind Ken Tasselli, who averages 72 yards per game.

Freshman kicker Jeff Rothberg continued along the road of consistency, as he made all but one of his extra point attempts and averaged 38.3 yards on his six punts.

Coach Murdock feels that his players are ready for the big game against Worcester on the 24th. Whatever the outcome of that contest, Westfield will play its final two games of the regular season at home against Bridgewater on the 31st and against Fitchburg on November 7th. As of October 23, the Owls were ranked fourth in the ECAC Division III poll.

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Cougar and Reef's Sports Shorts

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Football seems to be once again the topic of the week at Westfield State. The varsity team kept marching with a win over Mass Maritime, and with a follow-up win this week against Worcester State (4-1) should put Westfield in an excellent position to challenge for conference champion.

Outland Trophy candidate Bob Hartnett will have to use all of his vaunted quickness to defend Worcester star running back John Smith who last week ran for 202 yards and four touchdowns.

Flag football fever has hit the campus as games are being played at Westfield. This week brought to a close the flag football season with the All-Star game and the flag football Superbowl between the Master Blasters and the G-Spots.

The Superbowl took place on Tuesday with the G-Spots narrowly defeating the Master Blasters in a tightly contested and highly controversial game.

The game see-sawed back and forth with no team showing any real dominance. According to most observers, including the event sheets themselves, the real difference in the game lay in the officiating.

At least three key plays, including two 2-point after attempts, and an uncalled out of bounds play went against the undermanned Master Blasters, sealing up the win for the talented (and fortunate) G-Spots.

Tommy Lafleur had an outstanding game leading the winners. For the Master Blasters, heroic efforts were turned in by quarterback Greg Roy, and by running back Bobby Ogden. It seems unfortunate to these reporters that once again, questions remain as to the best team because of officiating.

Except for those few questionable calls, we might well have been writing of the valiant effort of the G-Spots and the triumphant Master Blasters, although obviously, no matter what popular opinion holds, the G-Spots will remain as champs.

In other Intramural news, the Flag football Pro-Bowl was chosen this week. The matchup will pit the powerful NFL squad against a talented AFC squad. The team rosters are as follows:

NFL Conference:
QB GREG ROY (offensive captain)
RB MIKE MCKAY
TE LANCE LYONS
SE JOE DONLON
G RANDY LOUGHLIN
G JACK RICHARD
L STEVE CATALANO
DE BRAD D'ANDREG
NG MILTON PRIORI
LB BOB OGDEN (defensive captain)
DB RUDY PERSICO
DB KEVIN LOCKLIN
S ERIC PETERSON

AFC Conference
QB TOMMY LAFLEUR (offensive captain)
RB PAUL DIMARTINO
TE TIM KINSKI
SE JEFF GANGI
G RAY HANDI
G JIM BLACK
C BILL MCMULLEN
DE JOHN DULLEA
DE KEITH BARD
NG MIKE ALBERICI
LB BRIAN TOMASETTA (defensive captain)
DB BILL MANCINI
DB CHRIS GOLEN
S DAVE BUSHELL

The NFL squad is rounded out by reserves Dave Green, Dicky (the Bat) Doyle, Sean Burke, Currie Gaeveau, Dave McGovern, John Doherty, and Frank Beneduci. The AFC team is supported by reserves Brian Barry, Jim Williamson, Dave Johnson, Sean Scofield, Tim Griffin, Scott Burke, and Mark Gonsalves.

Getting away from football, we would be remiss if we didn't mention the success of the men's and women's soccer program.

On the women's side, the women have managed to clamp down on their opponents defensively. Led by senior captain from Needham Trish Crowly, the lady Owls have had five straight shutouts.

Crowly, or "Killer" as some of the fans were heard to call her, was quoted as saying "When in doubt, knock 'em out," after a particularly aggressive tackle.

That kind of aggressiveness teamed with some potent offense from standout center-forward Aimee Ross (two goals and one hat-trick) and all around great play form the likes of former Westwood High Star Cathy Dramis, and Laurie Harpin have allowed the women to bring their record up to 5-3-3.

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Riders have strong showing

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BY SHERI COSTLEY

The Westfield State College Equestrian Club began its season Oct. 4th at Mount Holyoke College and followed up its eight ribbon performance there with ribbons at Smith College on October 17th.

The Mount Holyoke College show, held at their new riding facility, provided intercollegiate competition for five new riders, including two riders over fences.

Freshman Jenn Goba and Adrienne Murphy placed third and fourth, respectively, in their beginner Walk-Trot class.

Sue Pickett, also a freshman, placed sixth in Class 4 Advanced Walk-Trot-Canter class. Lisa Marie Armitage placed fifth in Class 2 Advanced Walk-Trot.

Veteran Sophomore Roberta Samwell took fourth in Class 2 Advanced Walk-Trot. Sophomore Tina Batista and freshman Pam Morin took fifth in her Class 6 Intermediate Equitation on the Flat and fourth in Class 8 Novice Equitation over fences. Pam has been active in the Rhode Island Appalossa Circuit and has been Grand Champion of the Junior Olympics for two years in a row.

Point riders for the day were Pam Morin, Missy Doran, Tina Batista, and Roberta Samwell, giving Westfield State a team total of 5 points.

The Club was also very successful at Smith College, with four people showing and WSC taking four ribbons.

Again, Pam Morin had an excellent day. She placed sixth in her Intermediate Horsemanship Class and third over fences.

Sophomore Tina Batista placed sixth in her Advanced Walk-Trot-Canter class.

This was sophomore Kelly Goddard's first intercollegiate horse show. She placed fifth in Class 1 Beginner Walk-Trot.

"I was glad I joined the Equestrian Club and I plan to continue to show at the intercollegiate level."

Point riders for the day were Pam Morin and Sue Pickett, giving the WSC Team a total of 5 team points.

"I was extremely pleased with our first two shows," said President Trish Robbins. "I was really excited to see us do well so soon, especially over fences. We should have a great year."

The Owl Scoreboard

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Football (5-1)
WSC 36 Mass Maritime 16

Golf
Ninth place---ECAC Championships

Field Hockey (6-5)
WSC 0 Salem State 1
WSC 3 Framingham State 1
WSC 0 Williams 3

Men's Soccer (10-4)
WSC 3 North Adams 2
WSC 2 Fitchburg 3
WSC 3 Worcester 0

Women's Soccer (4-3-3)
WSC 0 Springfield 0
WSC 5 Elms 0

Men's Tennis (1-7)
WSC 4 Salem 5

Volleyball (5-7)
WSC 3 Fitchburg 1

Women's Tennis (2-7)
WSC 7 Fitchburg 2
WSC 1 Springfield 8

Men's X-Country
First Place---MASCAC's

Women's X-Country
Third Place---MASCAC's

The Owl Scoreboard

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Football (5-3)
WSC 7 Bridgewater 35

Field Hockey (8-6-1)
WSC 1 Worcester 1
WSC 3 WNEC 0

Women's Soccer (6-5-3)
WSC 1 WNEC 0
WSC 1 Eastern CT 2

Women's Volleyball (9-11)
WSC 0 Eastern CT 3
WSC 3 Bridgewater 2
**WSC 3 Salem 1
**clinched Mass State Conference Championship

Men's Soccer (13-5)
WSC 0 Williams 4
WSC 0 Salem 1
WSC 3 Bridgewater 0
WSC 2 AIC 1 OT

Men's X-Country
Finished 11th in NE Championships

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1987 golf team with coach John Kurty.

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Impressive finish for golf team

By Mickey Curtis
Sports Information

The Westfield State golf team capped its finest season ever with a ninth place finish in the ECAC golf championships held October 17-18 in East Stroudsburg, Pa.

Westfield's five-man squad had a two-day total of 630 to finish in the middle of the pack in the 18-team field which featured some of the best Division II and Division I teams in the East. Westfield was the second highest Division III finisher, trailing Skidmore, which finished with 627. The Owls also edged state rival Salem by one stroke for their first ever win over Salem on a neutral course.

Pat Rahilly and Dean Godek, both seniors from Chicopee, fired 155s to lead the Owls. Rahilly shot a 74 on the first day and charged an 81 the final round. Godek had rounds of 78 and 77. Also competing from Westfield were: Kevin Pierack of Wilbraham (80-81-161), Mark Ouellette of Middletown, CT., (81-81-162) and Scott Dyer of Easthampton (88-83-171).

...for the record...for the record...

—Freshman football player Chuck Carucci was named to the ECAC player of the week honor roll and also was named co-defensive player of the week in the NEFC. Carucci has had 5 interceptions in his first two college games.

—The men's tennis team is currently ranked 5th and the women's team 3rd in the Mass. State Conference.

—The field hockey team is currently ranked 3rd in the Mass. State Conference.

—In soccer, the men's team is tied for 1st with Salem State while the women's team is currently in 4th place in the Mass. State Conference.

—The women's volleyball team is tied for second, with Bridgewater State, in the Mass. State Conference.

—In New England Division III, the men's cross country team is ranked 6th.

—The football team upped its ranking to 4th place in the ECAC Division III poll.

—The golf team had a ninth place finish in the ECAC championships against all divisions.

—The next home football game will be on Halloween against Bridgewater State at 1 p.m.

—The women's volleyball team faces Worcester State at home at 7 p.m. on October 28.

—The field hockey team plays their last home game at 11 a.m. on October 31.

—The men's soccer team hosts Bridgewater at 3 p.m. on October 30 in their last home game.

—The women's soccer team's last home game is at 3 p.m. against WNEC on October 28.

—The G-Spots defeated the Master Blasters to win the men's intermural flag football championships.

—The women's field hockey team defeated Framingham State on October 19 by a score of 2-1. Cindy Shepard, Amy Willey, and Kim Lundlund scored for the Owls in the win.

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X-country wins MASCAC's

By KAREN FRAWLEY

Ho-Hum. Westfield's men cross country team won the MASCAC Championship again. You might even say they ran away with the title. As expected, the Westfield runners completely outclassed the other state schools and came up with their 4th straight MASCAC Championship.

Westfield ended up with 7 of the top 10 places in the 5 mile race, which was more than enough to assure a first place finish.

The individual winner for the Owls was senior Ken Pliska, who finished the course in 26:00. Coach Rick Doirion said in the *Springfield Union News* that Pliska has a chance to make the nationals "but he's going to have to run one of the best races of his career." The national qualifying race will take place at SMU on November 14.

Doirion said that Pliska would have to finish in the top 10 to make it to nationals, but believes that he has a good chance to do just that. "Last year he was 11th over all but he's been beating guys this year he lost to last year."

The other top finishers for Westfield were, in order behind Pliska, Steve Gaebel (26:37), Gregg Callahan (26:48), Steve Fleming (26:55), Tom Stewart (6th - 27:06), Chris Kiatos (27:25) and Lance Cambell (27:33).

The next race for the Owls will be at the New England Championships on October 31 at Franklin Park. The team is ranked 6th in the New England Divison III poll.

The female contingent of Westfield's cross country crew also competed at the MASCAC's on the 17th, and they came away with an impressive 3rd place finish behind Fitchburg and North Adams State.

Top finisher for the women's team was senior Lisa Desforge, 8th overall, with a time of 20:06 on the 3 mile course. Trish Gallagher and Deb Lievi, with times of 20:23 and 20:30, respectively, were 10th and 11th overall. Anne-Marie Rheaume, Denise Mcnulty, and Lisa Belvery were 26, 32 and 36 overall. Lievi, a junior, was happy with the overall outcome of the race. "I liked running at home, but it was hard running in front of all the people I know who came to the race. Running at Westfield is different because the course is mostly in the woods."

The women's cross country team races on October 24 at Fitchburg State in the Fitchburg Invitational.

Volleyball Standings

Men		Div. III	W L
		Bud Boys	3-2
Div. I	W L	Quiffers	2-3
P. Flags	5-0	A. Feet	0-5
Shamrocks	0-5	G. Spots	5-0
M.D. USA	3-2	Hillsiders	4-1
Essics Boys	2-4	Dogs	1-4
Zog	4-1		
Soviets	0-6	Women	W L
Dullers	2-0	Spud Mania	0-6
		Ala. Slamaks	6-0
		Rosta Children	2-2
		Kamikazes	2-4
		WATB	7-2
		Nasty Girls	2-3
Div. II	W L	Sisters	0-5
R. Rebels	1-4	Spanky's	5-0
Team Bako	2-2	H. Dubas	4-1
Jays	3-1	New Dued	2-4
B. Bros.	4-1	Ying Yang's	1-3
Motores	2-3	F. Shock	1-0
P. Necklace	1-4	The Squeeze	0-0

The Owl Scoreboard

FOOTBALL (4-1)

WSC 28 Framingham 7

FIELD HOCKEY (4-3)

WSC 0 Manhattanville 2
WSC 2 Fitchburg 0

MEN'S SOCCER

WSC 2 WNEC 1
WSC 3 Manhattanville 0
WSC 0 Salem State 0

MEN'S TENNIS (1-5)

WSC 1 Worcester 8

VOLLEYBALL (4-7)

WSC 2 AIC 3

MEN'S X-COUNTRY

WSC fourth overall at Codfish Bowl

WOMEN'S X-COUNTRY

WSC eighth overall at Codfish Bowl

Chuck Carucci

Athlete of the Week

This week's athlete of the week is football player Chuck Carucci. A freshman from North Reading, Carucci has only played in two college games, but he has some impressive stats to show for it. In his first game ever, against Framingham, he had two big interceptions and five tackles. In the Owls' recent win over Mass. Maritime, Carucci had three interceptions, one of which he ran back 35 yards for the touchdown. He also broke up a pass, made seven tackles, and returned five punts for 26 yards. The freshman was named to the ECAC Player of the Week honor roll, and also was co-defensive player of the week in the New England Football Conference.

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Soccer Roundup

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—Men—

By KAREN FRAWLEY

The WSC men's soccer team won a big game on October 16 over conference rival North Adams State in front of a wildly enthusiastic Westfield crowd. The win pushes the Owls record to 9-3 and puts them in a good position to secure a post season birth.

The first half of the game featured some tenacious defensive effort by Westfield, but they allowed North Adams to score one goal and left the first half trailing by a score of 1-0.

The second half saw much more spirited play by Westfield and an even more intense level of crowd participation, which at times tended to border on the obnoxious. The crowd really had something to cheer about when John Riordan scored an unassisted goal from about 30 feet out, tying things up at 1-1.

North Adams scored again shortly thereafter to take the lead on a nice play that split the Westfield defenders and put the ball just out of Westfield goalie Mike Breslin's reach.

Mark Gonsalves scored Westfield's next goal on a play assisted by John Riordan, which tied the game up at 2 goals apiece.

The middle minutes of the second half featured more aggressive play by Gonsalves, nice hustle by Pat Sullivan, and a difficult save made by goalie Mike Breslin. The Westfield goalies, by the way, have been giving up an average of only 1.16 goals per game.

The last goal of the game came when Daryl Zanardi scored off a beautifully placed kick from freshman Corey Hutson.

The Owls were able to prevent any further scoring during the remainder of the same, thanks in part to some great defense by Pat Sullivan and Glen Feldman. Ged Driscoll also had a good play to get the ball away from a North Adams player and to give Westfield the ball. The score remained at 3-2, Westfield.

After this important victory, Westfield found themselves in a tie for first place, with Salem State, in the Mass. State Conference rankings. Team leaders in scoring are senior Joe Conry with 10 goals and 3 assists, Daryl Zanardi with 7 goals and 4 assists, Mark Gonsalves with 5 goals, and Greg Perry with 5 assists. John Riordan and Tom Smith have 4 goals apiece.

The men's soccer team lost a tough game to Fitchburg State on October 19 by a score of 3-2, which drops their record to 9-4. Daryl Zanardi scored an unassisted goal and Tom Smith scored a goal assisted by Greg Perry for the Owls.

—Women—

By MICKEY CURTIS
Sports Information

It appeared that the Westfield State women's soccer team was in the midst of a rebuilding campaign when the underclassmen dominated squad started this season with a 1-3-1 record. But the mood has now changed in the Lady Owls camp as they are 4-3-3 with their sights set on a possible postseason playoff berth.

It's not difficult to pinpoint why the Westfield women have been successful recently. Heading into Thursday's game with state rival North Adams, the Lady Owls had posted a string of four shutouts, including ties with Division II Springfield and highly ranked Salem State.

"Our defense has been very strong, we've come a long way," said veteran coach Bill Harrington. "I always say that you build a team from the back out."

Harrington has been working hard to bolster the offense which has been shut out in its three losses by shifting players around. A key move he made to strengthen the defense was switching Lori Harpin, a sophomore from Agawam, to sweeper this year.

"She's the fastest player on the team and has done an excellent job," said Harrington.

Harrington calls Harpin and Trish Crowley, a four-year starter from Needham, the backbone of the defense. Crowley is the team's co-captain along with Agawam's Lisa Chevalier, the squad's only other senior.

Other team standouts include Deb Trainor, a sophomore fullback from Framingham, and junior fullback Aimee Ross from Andover. Ross celebrated her birthday on October 19 by scoring three goals in a 5-0 win over Elms College. She also has a pair of two-goal games. Harrington feels the return of sophomore Lynda McDonald (North Andover), who was out with an injury, should help the team's offense.

Notice...Notice...Notice...

Varsity swimming practice starts officially Oct. 26 at 3:30 p.m. in the pool — if there are still any interested swimmers come the to pool at this time. Even if you are unsure of your ability or have questions about the team, come and find out the answers to these questions, or see Coach Laing at the pool or in 216 Parenzo.

NOTICE.. NOTICE.. NOTICE..

Varsity Womens Gymnastics Meeting

Wednesday, November 4th
4:00 P.M. Ely Room 233

Registration, Meet the Coach
Initial Workouts Announced

sports

Football playoff hopes dim with loss to Worcester

By KALEN STAUFFER

[illegible] Westfield [illegible] Worcester State [illegible] last [illegible]? Well, if you're [illegible] the beating of the Owls, you [illegible] number of [illegible] hard [illegible] to explain. After a [illegible] 28-21 loss to Worcester State on October 24, the Owls only too well how that three words go.

The loss Westfield's record to 5-2 overall, 2-1 in the conference to host Worcester State, which remained undefeated in the conference with a 3-0 record. The loss lessened Westfield's chances of winning the NEFC South Division this season.

Westfield set the tone early in the game by Worcester. In fact, the Owls kept things close right up through the third quarter of play. The Owls had the first touchdown of the game on an 80 yard punt return by Carlos Cuzzo with 9:40 to go in the first quarter. Westfield got an added bonus on the extra point attempt, which resulted in a pass interception by Eric Parker to halt Eastern's first [illegible] game [illegible].

Ryder completed 11 of 29 passes with five interceptions by the rivals Worcester defense. He has played at quarterback for the past three years and has completed 447 of his passes for [illegible] touchdowns.

The first quarter closed with Worcester leading by a score of 6-2 after Westfield halfback Joe Champigny was tackled in the endzone for a Worcester safety. Champigny, missing [illegible] an injury that has kept him out of the last three games, had a strong showing in this one. He rushed for a net gain of 80 yards, and he grabbed three passes for 53 yards.

Worcester State took the lead in the second quarter on a 35 yard pass for the touchdown with 2:15 to go before the score to 9-8.

Pre-season All American Bob Erlandt was there for Westfield with 6:50 to go in the third quarter, when he pushed through for a touchdown to give Westfield a 15-9 lead. Erlandt and the Owls [illegible] — the night [illegible], he gained 40 yards and two [illegible]. Dave Agler, the [illegible] scored [illegible] went, stepping in [illegible] action on the defensive end. Erlandt leads the team with 100 points [illegible] this season.

Freshman kicker Jeff Rudberg was good for the entire game on the [illegible] touchdown. He booted six [illegible] in the game for a total of 230 yards, and an average of 38.3, which [illegible] his season average of 37.2 [illegible].

The [illegible] two [illegible] were [illegible] to [illegible], and were enough to put the game out of Westfield's reach. The Owls had some of the game was a case of [illegible] too late, but a [illegible] good effort on the part of Stackpole, who caught a six-yard pass from Ryder for the touchdown to put the score at 28-21. Stackpole, who has been a consistent force for Westfield all season, caught six passes for a total [illegible] yards. Also [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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—Equestrian Club Roundup—

Riders have best showing yet

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By SHERI CONLEY

Westfield State freshmen Tracy Stewart and Sheri Conley brought in their first ribbons of the season at the Intercollegiate Horse Show held at the University of Connecticut October 24.

Stewart placed sixth in Advanced Walk-Trot, with riders from Mount Holyoke, Smith and Clark taking the top three honors. Conley placed fifth in Class V Novice Horsemanship.

Pam Morin brought in another two ribbons. Morin had an exceptional ride, placing fifth in Intermediate Horsemanship, and sixth in her jumping class, to bring her season total to six ribbons.

Freshman Chris Zembo and junior Dave Abbott had strong showings in their classes. This was Zembo's first show in Beginner-Walk-Trot.

Sophomore Tina Batista placed Reserve in her class with an enthusiastic showing. Announcer Don Grant commended Batista on her performance.

"We need more students with Tina's enthusiasm to join the club," said club president Trish Robbins, and Sheri Conley agreed.

"I felt proud to follow Tina's performance," she said. "She handled her class with a grace that comes with years of experience."

Sophomores Missy Doran and Lisa-Marie Armitage [illegible] mounted "Magnum" to bring in two ribbons [illegible] a fourth.

Doran placed sixth in Class VI Intermediate Horsemanship, and third in Novice Horsemanship Over Fences. Armitage received Reserve in her first time in Class Four Beginner Walk-Trot-Canter.

Kelly Goddard and Jenn Goba both placed third in Class I Beginner-Walk-Trot. This was Goddard's first ribbon of the year and Goba's second third place.

This show has been the best show yet for the club, and they hope to continue the winning tradition next week at the University of Massachusetts when they will have 13 riders showing.

WSC to co-sponsor horse show

By TRISH ROBBINS

The Westfield State College Equestrian Club will co-sponsor its second annual Intercollegiate Show this season, to be held Nov. 14.

The show, under the direction of Dr. Bob Gess of Worcester State College, will be co-sponsored by many area college participating in the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association.

The show will be held in Southampton at the King Oak Farm where the WSC Equestrian Club rides weekly. Again this year, Westfield hopes to capture many ribbons on familiar ground, and the club is excited about this upcoming show.

"Most of the riders who have signed up to compete at King Oak Farm have shown at least once this season already in the Intercollegiate Circuit, so I'm confident that everyone will do really well riding horses they are already familiar with," said Trish Robbins, president of the club.

"It is difficult for beginners to compete after riding for only a month or two, so I feel that riding horses they are used to will give the added confidence," she added.

"It's a rare opportunity for us, since we don't have facilities on campus, so I'm thrilled that we have a chance to participate as co-sponsors," said Sheri Conley of the club.

Spectators are welcome to the King Oak Farm, which is located right off Rte. 10 in Southampton, and see the show, which will include equitation on the flat and over fences.

The show will begin at 9 a.m. and continue to 5 p.m.

for the record...for the record...

Junior linebacker Pat Donoghue was named to the ECAC Player of the Week honor roll for his efforts in the football team's 26-21 loss to Worcester State.

The women's soccer team has improved dramatically since the start of the season. Freshman goalie Deb Bousquet has put together a string of six shutouts and has given up only five goals in her ten games at net. The team is ranked third in the Massachusetts State Conference.

The football team faces Fitchburg on November 7th at 1 p.m. in its last game of the season. It is ranked 2nd in the Mass. State Conference and 8th in NEIII.

The women's volleyball team hosts Salem State on November 3 at 7 p.m. in its last game of the regular season. The team is currently in a three-way tie for first place with Salem and Bridgewater in the Mass State Conference.

Junior Debbie Lievi was Westfield's top finisher in Fitchburg State's women's cross country invitational tournament. Lievi finished 31st overall with a time of 21:26. Sophomore Gina Ray was second for Westfield with a time of 22:44, 53 overall. Westfield finished 8th overall.

The men's soccer team is ranked 7th in the ISAA New England III poll, and is tied for second with Fitchburg State in the Mass State conference.

The field hockey team is 2-2 in the Mass State Conference, which gives them a third place ranking behind Salem and Bridgewater.

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Pat Donoghue

Athlete of the Week

This week's athlete of the week is football player Pat Donoghue.

Donoghue, a junior linebacker from Malden, was named to the ECAC honor roll for his efforts in last week's game against Worcester State, where he had 13 tackles, one sack, one fumble recovery, and one interception. Donoghue is currently second on the team in tackles, with 73 thus far this season. Despite last week's loss, the football team is still in contention for post-season action.

Hockey team hires coach

By MICKEY CURTIS, S.I.D.

Bob Badone and Mike Lazazzera have been selected as the new coaches of the Westfield State College hockey team, Westfield Athletic Director Paul Bogan announced this week.

Bandone has been named the new head coach while Lazazzera will serve as his assistant. The coaches, both of whom have local ties, will attempt to rebuild a struggling Westfield hockey program which has won only five games in the past two years.

"Our biggest goalie to make the playoffs, and to do that we have to win at least half of our games," said Badone. "Our goal is simply ot begin winning and go from there. We really don't have much time."

Westfield opens its 22-game schedule on Nov. 11 when it hosts the University on Connecticut at the Holyoke rink. More than 40 players tried out for the Westfield team with Badone trimming the final roster to 27 this week.

Badone brings a wealth of coaching experience with him to Westfield. The West Springfield native coached football and hockey for 15 years in Chicopee Comprehensive High School and was a highly successful head hockey coach for 10 years at the school. His record was 131-51-16 with his teams making the playoffs nine of the 10 years. His team captured divisional crowns three years and was a western Massachusetts finalists in 1974-75 and 1983-84.

Lazazzera is a 1983 graduate of Agawam High School where he was one of the leading scorers in western Massachusetts for three years. He also was the team captain and leading scorer at Worcester Academy in 1984. He currently serves as the head track and field coach at Agawam High School and also coached soccer and football at his alma mater.

Equestrian Club

By SHERI CONLEY

Sophomore Kelly Goddard took first place in her Beginner Walk-Trot class at U. Mass Amherst on Saturday, October 31, 1987.

This was her third competition and she is now one point away from qualifying for Advance Walk-Trot, with thirteen of the necessary fourteen points.

Christine Litchfield placed third in Beginner Walk-Trot and Sue Pickett placed third in Class 4 Advanced Walk-Trot-Canter. Both riders now both have an individual point total of 4.

Also showing for the first time, freshman Sharon Jarret placed fifth in Class 2 Advance Walk-Trot. Showing in another section of Class 2, freshman Tracy Stewart also placed fifth.

Rounding out the afternoon, Jenn Goba and Missy Doran had strong showings on the flat with Jenn taking fourth place. Doran placed fifth in Novice Horsemanship over Fences.

Rider Kelly Goddard

Also competing for the team were Dave Abbott, Christine Zemba, and Sheri Conley all of whom handled their horses in a experienced manner.

"It was a tough day and we drew tough horses," commented Trish Robbins.

The Owl Scoreboard

Football (5-2)

WSC 21	Worcester 26

Field Hockey

WSC 0	Bridgewater 1
WSC 3	Bentley 1

Women's Soccer (6-4-3)

WSC 1	North Adams 0
WSC 2	WNEC 0
WSC 0	Fram 1

Men's Soccer (11-5)

WSC 1	Roger Williams 0
WSC 0	Salem State 1

Women's Volleyball

WSC 3	North Adams 0
WSC 2	Williams 0
WSC 1	Mount Holyoke 2
WSC 0	Union 2
WSC 3	Worcester 0

Men's Tennis

WSC 5	Bridgewater 4

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Women's volleyball clinches Mass State Conference title

By KAREN FRAWLEY

Take a group of talented and dedicated volleyball players, put them in a small gym with another excellent team and a large bunch of [illegible] and what do you get?

On Nov. 1 and 2, Westfield's women's volleyball team beat two teams that had previously been undefeated in the conference, to take [illegible] and coaches emphasized the the importance of playing as a team on each and every game. Volleyball is a [illegible] heros on particular plays, but it is always hard to pinpoint MVP's of entire games. Closely tied to team effort is team spirit. This past season, every member of Westfield's team was caught up in a spirit of togetherness, without which the team would [illegible]

The Lady Owls played their most important games [illegible] end of the season. They were on the road all day on Oct. 31, when they lost to Eastern Connecticut in a non-[illegible] big game against then undefeated [illegible] won that match in a two and a half hour marathon that went the full five games. Westfield finally won it 3-2, setting up the conference Championship against Salem on Nov. 2.

The first game of the Salem match didn't start out as Westfield had planned. Salem got out to a quick 6-0 lead, but Westfield fought back to [illegible] Lynne Farrington had some key spikes that led to turning points for Westfield, and the Owls eventually won the first game 15-11.

[illegible] looked like they really had things together, and the score see-sawed all the way through until Westfield put together some strong volleys to take the lead 14-11. The winning point came on senior Laurel Amsler's spike to give Westfield the 2-0 edge. Co-captains Rose Duerr and Renee Gawlinski were key participants in this game with their well placed sets. After game two, the Owls appeared to be outclassing Salem on all counts, but the Salem Vikings would not go [illegible] as well as misuse too many serves in [illegible] three, and they ended up losing [illegible]

[illegible] Lady Owls got out to a quick [illegible] start in game four. This game featured particularly long volleys that forced both teams to display the lightning quick reactions that are so crucial to the game.

[illegible] brought the score to a 7-7 tie behind the strong serves of freshman Andrea Stafford, and from that point on the [illegible] last half of the fourth and final game that the elements of [illegible] effort and team spirit really came into play. Every player on the court made some contribution to the winning effort. The Owls won the game 15-8, and the match 3-1.

Sophomore setter Lisa Weinberg cited the crowd as a major factor in the Salem win. She said that "the crowd pulled us through when we started to fall behind."

Weinberg also said that the key factor in the win was the fact that "the desire was there this year—we wanted it more than they did, and that's what really won it for us."

Athletes of the Week

Athlete of the Week honors this week go to the entire 1987 women's volleyball team. The team captured the Mass State Conference Championships on Nov. 2 with a 3-2 win over conference rival Salem State. The Lady Owls finished the season with a 9-11 record overall and remained undefeated in the Mass State Conference with a record of 6-0.

Both Weinberg and co-captain Renee Gawlinski were full of praise for the team's first year coaches Gwen Keough and Paula Conway. Gawlinski said, "The coaching staff gave us the positive attitude that we needed. We lacked that attitude last year."

Gawlinski also emphasized the fact that every member of the team, whether she played or not, took part in all of the team's victories. According to Gawlinski, next year's volleyball team stands a good chance of going even further than the team this year did, because it will be losing only two players, co-captains Rose Duerr and Gawlinski.

The volleyball team had a tough schedule this season and finished 9-11 overall, not quite good enough to qualify them for ECAC post season play. The team remained undefeated in the conference, finishing with a 6-0 record. If nothing else, the Mass State Conference [illegible] champs will gain some much deserved recognition as a result of their fine efforts this season. As one team member put it; "Maybe we can get some new uniforms."

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Photo by Mickey Curtis, S.I.D.

Joe Conry, the only senior on the 1987 men's soccer team and the team's leading scorer

Men's soccer in ECAC playoff bid

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By MICKEY CURTIS, S.I.D.

The Westfield State men's soccer team received some good news earlier last week as they were selected to play in the ECAC New England region tournament.

The Owls, seeded fourth with a 12-5 record, square off against No. 1 seed Williams College in the opening round. The game was scheduled for 2 p.m. Nov. 5 at Williamstown. In the other semifinal game, Middlebury, seeded third with a 7-3-3 record, travels to Amherst, seeded second at 9-1-2. The championship game was scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 8 at 1 p.m. at the field of the highest seeded team.

"The kids are excited about playing in the tournament," said Westfield coach Jim Fonte. "I am very happy and satisfied we made a tournament. I think we definitely have a team that should be in a tournament.

"It's kind of interesting because we had a chance of making the NCAA tournament and we ended up fourth here. It kind of shows the power of the ECAC soccer."

Landing NCAA tourney berths were Salem State, Plymouth State, Clark and Fitchburg. Westfield may have the toughest opening round matchup in the Division III playoffs as Williams, a private school which chooses not to compete in the lengthier NCAA tourney because it interferes more with classroom work, moved past Salem into first place in the latest New England rankings. Williams, 11-1, is led by junior All America Mike Masters.

"Williams deserves to be number one," said Fonte. "Their record and scores give a good indication of how strong they are. All three teams in the ECAC playoffs are very excellent teams. I would say they play as well in soccer as the NCAA (tournament) teams."

One reason Westfield's veteran coach was elated to receive a bid is because his underclassmen dominated squad were able to acquire the valuable playoff experience that all squads with championship potential need. The Owls are led in scoring by Joe Conry, the team's only senior.

The winner of the New England region will advance to the ECAC championships, playing the Upstate New York champ in the semifinals the weekend of Nov. 13 at a metro New York location.

Cougar and Reef's Sports Shorts

Cougar and Reef

Well sports fans, we're back after our one week sabbatical. We Sport Shorts reporters were so upset by the editorial letter against us that we decided that it was in the best interest of our health to take a week off. So we went to Ft. Lauderdale to cover the international women's jello wrestling championship, which we will try to cover in a feature story in the weeks to come, but for the time being, back to state sports.

It hasn't been a happy time for fans of the Owl's football team here in Westfield.

The Fighting Owls have lost two straight games, effectively eliminating themselves from post-season play.

The main reason for their demise seems to be turnovers and a lack of experience at the quarterback spot. I'm sure that in the future, Coach Murdock will try to obtain more solidity and depth at quarterback.

Despite the last two losses, a win this Alumni Weekend at home will give Westfield its best record ever and hope for next year.

Unfortunately, bad news was not limited to the football team. The men's and women's soccer teams both encountered important losses in the past week, harming post-season opportunities for both, although the men overcame the obstacles to make it to post-season play.

In the next few weeks, the Sport Shorts will introduce state sports fans to some of the winter sports such as the recently rejuvenated hockey team and the men's and women's basketball squads.

To finish up this week, we would just like to comment on some athletes who have inadvertently been omitted from our column.

The Sport Shorts are proud to recognize the achievements of Sack-Attacker Kevin Quinn, linebacker, and last week's Owl player of the week, Pat Donoghue.

Both players are having outstanding seasons and deserve all the credit in the world.

On the men's soccer front, we have mentioned little of Nedham's Joe Conry, who is having another great season for the team, leading them into the tournament.

We have mentioned individual players, but on the women's soccer team, the entire defense must be commended, especially considering the five straight shutouts they managed.

Well, that's it for this week. If anyone knows of any other deserving players (like flag-football all star omission Bob Taggart) please don't hesitate to let us know.

Only please do it either in person or in a signed letter to the editor.

So, until next week, this is Sports Shorts signing off.

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Football ends postseason bid with Bridgewater loss

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By KAREN FRAWLEY

Westfield's football team ended its hopes for a post season berth with a 35-7 loss to conference rival Bridgewater State. The loss puts the Owls' record at 5-3 for the season.

The Owls got off to a slow start in this one and were never able to make up lost ground. Bridgewater came out in the first quarter to score two touchdowns to put the score at 14-0.

The second quarter was not much better than the first for Westfield, as Bridgewater scored twice to push the lead up to 28-0 at halftime.

The best that can be said for the game was that at least it wasn't a shutout. In the fourth quarter, Westfield defensive tackle Bob Hartnett (aka "BH") scored his first college touchdown on a fumble recovery in Bridgewater's endzone. Jeff Rothberg hit the extra point putting Westfield on the board 28-7. Rothberg is also averaging a conference leading 37.1 yds. per punt.

Bridgewater scored once more on a 26 yard pass with 2 minutes to play to put the final score at 35-7.

The Owls were hurt by turnovers and big penalties. They have thrown 11 interceptions in their past 2 losses, and have been called for 24 penalties for 223 yards. Bridgewater had a balanced attack that kept the Owls guessing throughout the game. Although the game was played at home, the relatively small crowd did not turn out to be much of a factor.

Westfield's leading rusher in the game was running back Joe Champigny, with 29 yards. Bob Erhardt is the leading rusher for the season, averaging 21.9 yards per game.

Tight end Jeff Stackpole leads the conference in receiving with 46 catches for 692 yards. Stackpole is ranked among the top 15 nationally in receiving, and in the Bridgewater game he caught five passes for 76 yards. John Miglionco is second on the team in receiving (14 receptions for 389).

On the defensive end, the highlights of the game for Westfield were the efforts of Bob Erhardt, with 16 tackles, and Pat Donoghue with 15. Bob Hartnett contributed 10 tackles.

The Owls took their 5-3 record into the last game of the season against Fitchburg in Westfield's homecoming game, on November 7 at 1 p.m. The Owls looked to bounce back from the disappointing loss to Bridgewater in the Fitchburg game. A victory would give them their best season ever.

Fitchburg had lost 21 straight and was 1-32 in its first four years of varsity football. The Owls could not take this game lightly, however, as Fitchburg played NEFC leader Worcester State to a tie before losing in the final minutes 12-6.

Field hockey ends winning season

By MICKEY CURTIS, S.I.D.

It was a season which brought a satisfying smile to Diane Lussier, the head coach of the Westfield State field hockey team.

The second-year coach saw her team post a competitive 8-6-1 record while challenging for the MASCAC championship. The Lady Owls finished a close third in the conference, losing only to Salem and Bridgewater by 1-0 scores. Both Salem and Bridgewater were awarded berths in the postseason playoffs, so the Lady Owls were in some pretty good company.

"Overall, I thought the girls played well this year," said Lussier. "They gave it their best shot and improved as the season went on and that's the most important thing."

Lussier is already looking ahead to next season, when Westfield returns all but four girls. Seniors on this year's squad were Pam Clark, who led the team with six goals, goalie Mara Lochoulous, and twin sisters Lisa and Lynn Krawczyk, who were the team co-captains.

"Those four girls were the leaders of the team and we're going to miss them," Lussier said. "But we have a lot of good players coming back next year who gained much valuable playing experience."

Among the underclassmen starters were fresaman Sharon Underwood, who recorded four goals and one assist; sophomore Amy Willey (four goals); sophomore Laura Mahoney (one goal, three assists); and MaryAnn Pelligrinelli (three assists).

Other regulars included: junior Leanne Robert (one goal), junior Cindy Shepard (one goal, one assist), sophomore Kim Hagglund (one goal), and sophomore Michelle Olson (one goal). In other scoring, the Krawczyks both had one goal.

Lichoulas recorded 99 saves in 13 games while allowing 11 goals. Backup goalie Sue O'Malley, a freshman, made 21 saves and allowed four goals.

O'Malley played the entire game, making eight saves in Westfield's 3-1 win on Oct. 27 over Bentley College, which advanced to the NCAA Division III Final Four last year. Mahoney, Clark and Underwood scored in the big win, while Mahoney also had an assist.

The Lady Owls concluded their season on Oct. 31 with a 3-0 triumph over WNEC. Scoring were Olson, Underwood and Clark, while Pelligrinelli, Lynn Krawczyk and Mahoney passed off for assists. Lichoulas made seven saves.

Westfield loses in tournament

Westfield's men's soccer team lost to top-seeded Williams College by a score of 4-0 in the opening round of ECAC playoff action. Williams has won 12 of their last 13 games and advanced to the regional championship round against Middlebury College on Nov. 8. Westfield ends their season with a record of 13-6.

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1987-88 WOMEN'S SWIMMING SCHEDULE

December 2	Worcester Poly Tech	A	7:00
December 8	Mount Holyoke	A	7:00
December 12	Brooklyn	H	12:00

Intramural Volleyball: Spanky's P Flaps champs

In intramural volleyball play Spanky's won the women's title by defeating Alabama Slammers two games to one. All three games were decided by a slim margin. Spanky's ended the year at 14-0 while the Slammers placed second at 12-2.

Spanky team members: Kim Cravens, Jean Davis, April Chabot, Erin Looney, Meg Curran, Tara Pelligrini, Michele Ahern, Lisa Krawczyk, Lynn Krawczyk and Nancy Martin.

In the men's volleyball play the P. Flaps came out on top by defeating Zog two games to none. The first game was played to a two-point decision and the second was won commandingly by the P. Flaps.

Team members: Dave Bushell, Mike Mcdonough, Brian Barry, Tim Jacques, Dan Burgess, Steve Kelly, Scott Burke, Neil Dempsey and Rodney Harris.

WESTFIELD STATE'S MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

November 21	SE Massachusetts	A	2:00
[illegible]	Trinity	H	[illegible]
[illegible]	AIC	H	[illegible]
December 5	Western Conn	A	8:00
December 10	WNEC	H	[illegible]
December 9	Roger Williams	A	[illegible]

WESTFIELD STATE'S WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

November 20-21	Regis Tourn.	A	TBA
November 24	Roger Williams	H	7:00
December 1	Amherst College	H	7:00
December 3	AIC	H	6:00
December 8	Western Conn.	A	6:00
December 10	Conn. College	A	7:00
December 12	Williams College	H	2:00
December 14	Elms College	H	7:00

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Football caps best season with Fitchburg win

[illegible] still able to generate a lot of heat in their final game of the season. The [illegible] ever on November 7 when they defeated Fitchburg State by a score of 35-8.

The team finishes up in a three way tie for second in the Mass State Conference, with Salem State and Bridgewater State. The teams each finished with a 3-2 conference record. Westfield was also ranked eighth in the ECAC South Division, with an overall record of 6-3.

In the season finale against Fitchburg, the Owls gave the 950 or so who braved the elements something to cheer about. Westfield dominated the game from start to finish, leaving Fitchburg to rest in the cellar of the Mass State Conference with a 0-5 record, and a 0-8 overall record. Fitchburg gained only 52 yards in rushing and 96 yards in passing against Westfield. In other words, this game was not one that is projected by for Westfield.

The scoring started, fittingly enough, with fullback/linebacker Bob Erhardt. Erhardt (this week's athlete of the week) had the best offensive performance of his career in this game, with 138 yards rushed. Once again he played both ways and contributed 9 tackles to Westfield's cause. The senior had some inspired play and gave his last collegiate game everything he had. He scored Westfield's first touchdown on a 4 yard run to put Westfield on the board with 6:59 to go in the first quarter.

Fitchburg scored their only touchdown on a 32 yard run by Wayne Chesterfield, to put the score at 7-6 in the second quarter. With 27 seconds to go in the half, tight end Will Foley caught a long bomb in traffic (from quarterback Eric Ryder) and ran in for the touchdown. The score at half-time: 14-6, Westfield.

With 11:09 to go in the third, Erhardt took matters again and scored his second touchdown of the game and third of the season. This time he did it on a 11 yard run to put the score at 21-6, Westfield.

Fitchburg scored what would be their last points of the game on a safety in the third quarter, to make it [illegible]

With three minutes remaining in the third, Joe Champigny made his presence felt. The senior halfback made a strong midseason comeback after an injury to become a key player in the Owl offense. In the 6 games he played this season, he rushed for a net gain of 199 yards, second on the team to Erhardt. He averaged 33.2 yards a game in rushing yardage. Champigny scored two touchdowns in the season, one of them aginst Fitchburg with 3:30 to go in the third quarter. The touchdown came on a beautiful 30 yard run during which he evaded Fitchburg defenders on three separate occasions. Champigny also rushed for a net gain of 124 yards for the Owls in the game.

Westfield's last touchdown came with just 16 seconds to go in the game, which featured more than the usual number of skirmishes between the opposing teams. On the final touchdown, Westfield fans got the promise of good things to come, as the scoring pass came from freshman quarterback Tom Dean. Dean threw a short pass to senior tight end Jeff Stackpole, who had been a vital part of the Owl offense this season.

In the Fitchburg game, Stackpole caught three passes for nine yards, a showing which was not a true indication of his talent. For the season, Stackpole led the team in scoring (5.6 points per game) and receiving (49 receptions for 701 yards and a average of 14.3 yards a game).

Stackpole's last touchdown of the season put the final score at 35-8 and put the finishing touch on a successful season for the Owls.

Quarterback Eric Ryder completed just three of thirteen passes in the Fitchburg game, which was all the Owls needed from him, since their running game was working well. Ryder made the difficult transition from safety to quarterback this year as he stepped in to take John Maloney's spot after Maloney was lost to injury. Ryder made the most out of a potentially difficult situation, and adapted well to the new position. He completed 47 of 117 pass attempts in the season, good for 828 yards and a .402 completion percentage.

Freshman kicker Jeff Rothberg also carved a niche for himself on the team this year, as he enjoyed considerable success at both punting and making the extra points after touchdowns. He [illegible] a conference-leading 37.2 yards per punt this season.

Other players who deserve recognition for their efforts this season are Kevin Quinn (10.5 sacks, 45 tackles), Pat Donoghue (second on the team in tackles with 100), Carlos Canino (team captain and defensive leader), and Andy Gay (played both ways on offensive and defensive lines).

Team captains this season were Erhardt, Canino, and Ryder, all of whom provided the team with strong leadership.

Second year head coach Jack Mandeck can be pleased with his team's performance this year. The Owls finished the season with their best record ever and have high hopes for even more improvement next season.

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Hockey set to begin rebuilding year

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Hockey players, left to right, Don "the Paralyzer" Palmer, John Krim, and Phil O'Connell. The hockey team lost their opening game to the University of Connecticut by a score of 12-5 on Nov. 11.

By HOCKEY CENTRAL STAFF

Pride, persistence, and patience. These three words will be pasted all over the locker room walls of the Westfield State ice hockey team as it embarks on a major rebuilding program during the 1987-88 season.

The rebuilding job won't be easy, which is why the Owls are going to need constant reminders that success [illegible] overnight.

First year head coach Bob Badone, who has been assigned the challenge of molding WSC into the winning team it was back in the 1970s, has a good idea of what it takes to win.

"The big thing is that it's going to take time," said Badone, who inherits a struggling program that won only five games the past two seasons.

"We can't turn things around just right away," he said. "I believe in what I do, and when they (players) start to believe in it, we are going to see some progress."

Badone, a highly successful high school coach for 10 years in nearby Chicopee, is confident his "system" can work in the collegiate level as well.

"My system includes discipline on the ice, which means no foolish penalities; working hard in practice, and the kids have been doing that; and making a commitment to hockey whether they're a senior or we're building for next year," he said.

"We want to create a good attitude and enthusiasm on the ice," he added. "We can't get down if we lose. We have to believe in ourselves, and the kids have to believe they can bounce back if they get down a goal or two."

Badone, who was named the coach just before the first day of pre-season practice on Oct. 15, says the players could be battling for starting berths well into the season on the four lines he plans to use regularly.

"Every kid can skate; it's just a matter of putting everything together," he said. "Another weakness is that they haven't played together that much, even last year."

"I think we have some talented guys out there, but I have to see what the other schools have," he said "The skill level is much different from what I'm used to seeing coaching on the high school level."

More than a few players have caught Badone's keen coaching eye. Only [illegible] from last year's 2-19 team, so there will still be plenty of familiar faces wearing the Westfield navy blue and white.

The top returnee is Don Palmer (Milford), a senior forward who led the Owls in scoring last year with 10 goals and 14 assists.

Senior forward Garry Garland (West Roxbury), the second leading scorer with seven goals and six assists, is back along with junior defenseman Kevin Craig (West Yarmouth), who totalled three goals and nine assists.

Other players Badone will use regularly include [illegible] center Billy Bennett (Dalton), senior defenseman John Krim (Bellingham), junior center Dwight Lowe (East Longmeadow, junior center Brian Lincoln (Hingham), and sophomore defenseman Stephen Pacific (Marlboro).

"They all have good skills," said Badone. "I'm anxious to see how they stack up against other college players."

To become competitive, the Owls must show drastic improvement in their team defense. Last year they were outscored 177 to 60 during their 21-game season. That's an incredible average of 8.4 goals allowed per game.

"We need a total defensive effort," said Badone, who has four goalies, including three promising freshmen to pick from. "The goalies were not getting any help at all last year. Sometimes they were taking 60 shots a game."

Badone has set what he believes is a realistic goal for his team in this rebuilding season.

"We want to make the playoffs, and to do that we have to win a least half of our games," he added. "We also want to win most of our games in the MASCAC league. We definitely want to beat those teams."

1987-88 WESTFIELD STATE HOCKEY SCHEDULE

November 20 - 21	Merrimack Tournament	A	7:30
November 24	Babson College	H	7:30
December 1	Trinity College	A	7:35
December 5	Western New England	A	4:00
December 7	North Adams	A	8:30
December 10	Hamilton College	A	7:30
December 12	U-Mass - Boston	A	2:00

INTRAMURAL NOTICES

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X-country moves up in polls after all New-Englands

By MICKEY CURTIS, S.I.D.

The Westfield State men's cross country team prepped for the New England Division III Regional championships with a respectable finish at the All New Englands held on Oct. 31.

The Running Owls placed 11th in the 30-team field featuring schools from all three divisions. The high finish caught the eyes of the poll voters, as Westfield moved up to fourth place in the latest Division III New England rankings. Ahead of Westfield in the poll are UMass Boston, Brandeis and St. Joseph, three teams which are also rated in the top 15 in the NCAA Division III national poll.

The Owls will be looking to overtake one of these three teams at the New England Division III championships, being held Nov. 14 at Southeastern Massachusetts, as the top three teams from the region qualify for the NCAA championships on Nov. 21 in Holland, Michigan.

"I think we have a good shot of qualifying for nationals, that's been our goal all season," said Westfield coach Rich Doiron. "Even though we didn't run as well as we can at the All New Englands I think we'll be ready for the regionals. We defeated several teams at the All New Englands which had been rated higher than us most of the season and that gave the kids a lot of confidence."

The Owls are led by Ken Pliska, who placed 47th at the All New Englands with a time of 25:50 over the five-mile layout at Franklin Park in Boston. Also placing high were Steve Gaebel (60th, 26:12) and Steve Fleming (62nd, 26:14). Also running for the Owls were: Greg Callahan (86th, 26:44), Tom Stewart (109th, 27:02), Chris Kiatos (132nd, 27:26) and Lance Campbell (152nd, 27:49).

Running in the All New Englands JV race from Westfield were: Mark Curry (48th, 28:04), Kevin O'Brien (66th, 28:44) and Brian Hanley (86th, 29:45).

ALL NEW ENGLANDS TEAM STANDINGS: Massachusetts 47; Providence 62; Keene State 92; Boston College 125; Northeastern 199; Lowell 234; Connecticut 257; Brandeis 265; Vermont 275; Rhode Island 329; Westfield 361.

The Owl Scoreboard

WESTFIELD TEAMS IN THE MASS STATE CONFERENCE AND OVERALL

FOOTBALL
Tied for second in Mass State
Conference Record 3 - 2
Overall record 6 - 3

WOMEN'S SOCCER
Fourth in Mass State
Conference Record 1-2-1
Overall Record 6-5-3

MEN'S SOCCER
Third in Mass State
Lost to Williams in ECAC Tourn.
Conference Record 5-2
Overall Record 13-6

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL
Mass State Champs
Conference Record 6-0
Overall Record 9-11

WOMEN'S TENNIS
Third in Mass State
Conference Record 2-2
Overall Record 2-7

MEN'S TENNIS
Fifth in Mass State
Conference Record 2-4
Overall Record 2-9

FIELD HOCKEY
Third in Mass State
Conference Record 2-2-1
Overall record 8-6-1

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY
Mass State Champs
11th in New England Championships

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY
Third in Mass State Conference Championships

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College football has consistent year

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By BRIAN WHELIHAN

It's been a very consistent year in major college football. Oklahoma has been Number 1 all year, and Nebraska and Miami (Fla.) have been 2 and 3, respectively. But who wins the national championship on New Year's day is still anyone's guess.

The three mentioned teams have the best shot. Actually, Miami probably has the better chance mainly because [illegible] have to do is win the Orange Bowl on January 1. Nebraska and Oklahoma will play November 21 to decide who gets to play Miami in the Orange Bowl. The problem is that the winner of that game may be so banged up that Miami will have a big edge come game time on New Year's night.

Even though there will be a month layoff between the games, don't be surprised if you see some broken bones and concussions from that game. Yes, it's that important to those two teams.

The winner not only gets the bragging rights, but they will also get the edge in recruiting. That's also very important, especially since Oklahoma has won the last three years.

If the Sooners are to win this year, they'll have to do it without starting quarterback Jamelle Holieway, who is out for the season with a leg injury. However, Oklahoma's back-ups are supposedly just as good and quick as Holieway.

Since I'm writing about this game, I'll have to give my pick. I'll take Nebraska for a couple of reasons.

Holieway's being out really hurts the Sooners. The game is being played in Nebraska. And I think the Nebraska players want it more. Plus, the Cornhuskers have played a much tougher schedule than Oklahoma. They beat UCLA and Arizona State. Oklahoma warmed up for its conference schedule by playing the likes of Texas and Tulsa. Real toughies, huh?

Nebraska, 27-20.

As usual, there will be some controversy when the final polls come out Jan. 2. The Orange Bowl winner will be the national champion, but Syracuse has a good shot to go undefeated.

The problem is that Syracuse wasn't rated in the preseason polls. They had to work their wy up the ladder and that will hurt their chances. The only way they can possibly win the title is if Miami loses to Notre Dame in the Hurricanes' final game. Then Miami, which will already be invited to the Orange Bowl, could knock off the Nebraska-Oklahoma winner. That way, Miami and either Nebraska and Oklahoma would have at least one loss.

Syracuse, meanwhile, could win the Sugar Bowl and be undefeated. That is their only shot. Not only do I not understand what I just said, but I don't think the teams understand it either.

Here's a quick look at the bowl games on Jan. 1 and who's likely to be playing in them:

Orange bowl: Miami (Fla.) vs. Nebrska-Oklahoma winner. 8 p.m. start, NBC TV. Details of this above.

Sugar Bowl: Syracuse vs. Alabama: the Crimson tide appear to have the inside track, but they still have to beat Auburn. If the Tigers beat Alabama, the Tigers would go. 4 p.m. ABC TV. (Georgia still has a shot, too.)

Rose Bowl: Michigan State vs UCLA: That's right, Michigan State, not Michigan. The Big Ten was awful this year. Indiana and Michigan is bad, and Ohio St. is worse. Whatever UCLA is giving, lay the points in this one. It won't be close. 4:30, NBC.

Fiesta Bowl: Nebraska-Oklaboma loser vs. Notre Dame, LSU, Georgia, or Clemson; That's right, anyone could get into this bowl. It all depends what the Irish want. They'll have the choice. The loser of the showdown in Nebraska is already assured of a spot. 1:30, NBC.

Cotton Bowl: Texas A'M vs. Notre Dame/Georgia, LSU: same as above. The Aggies get the berth if they win the SWC. They should. Notre Dame can go here if they wish, but don't count on it. 1:30 CBS, but who's going to watch this game?

Florida Citrus Bowl: Anyone could get into this. Noon, ABC TV.

Well, there's the list. Enjoy the Bowl bonanza.

INTRAMURAL / MEETING NOTICES

Raquetball Tour '87 begins November 16, Mon-Thurs. 3:30-6:30 pm
Sunday Noon - 5 pm "RECREATIONAL" Basketball League . . .

Teams May Join At Any Time!!!

Varsity Men's Volleyball Meeting . . .Thurs., Nov. 19th - 4 p.m.
Ely Room 223 - Meet the Coach - First Practice Announced
The Annual Banacos Road Race usually held in October or November will be moved to April to be held in conjunction with the Inauguration of President Irving Buchen.

More details will be made available by late winter.

X Country makes Trip To Nationals

By MICKEY CURTIS, S.I.P.

"The Westfield State [illegible] came [illegible] Div. III championships with a solid [illegible] England Regionals on November 14.

The Running Owls totaled 136 points in the 25 team event, trailing surprising winner St. Joseph's of Maine (123) and UMass-Boston (133). Other teams battling for the three qualifying berths were South[illegible] (145), [illegible] (152), [illegible] (159).

[illegible] ton, the Owls were ranked fourth in New England behind top-rated UMass-Boston, Brandeis, and St. Joseph's, three teams who have been ranked in the top 15 nationally.

"St. Joe's surprised everybody," said Westfield State first year coach Rick Doiron. "That was the team I thought we would have to defeat to qualify for nationals."

"Brandeis had a horrible day," he added, "they just fell apart."

Leading the Owls to their qualifying berth was junior Steve Gaebel, who toured the five mile course in 25:42 to place sixth.

"Gaebel ran a good race," said Doiron. "It was his best race of the year. He looked good and was in it the whole way. He even surprised himself."

Doiron said his other top four place finishers also ran well. Even [illegible] their best times because of illness and [illegible]

"A couple of guys didn't run up to their potential but they gave us what they had on that day," said Doiron. "I told the kids not to give up, and they ran like they wanted to go to the nationals."

Pliska placed 13th and senior [illegible] 29th and Stewart in 42nd. Also [illegible] Kuates (75th) and Lance Campbell (115th). "I would like to see our runners spread out more, especially in the third through fifth runners," said Doiron. "We need some higher finishes from them to do well at Nationals."

The Running Owls departed, via airplane, for the NCAA championships last Friday morning. The meet took place on Saturday, November 21 in Holland, Michigan. Twenty-one teams were scheduled to run.

"I would think we definitely have a shot at finishing in the top 15," said Doiron. "If we run better than we did at regionals we could finish in the top ten."

This trip marked the first time that the cross country team has qualified for the Nationals.

The 1987 Men's cross country team, which qualified for Division III nationals [illegible]

Athletes of the week

[illegible] country team which, up until this year, had been very elusive: qualifying for the NCAA Div. III national cross country championships. The team has had many talented runners over the years, and in recent seasons has come heartbreakingly close to qualifying. This year's squad claims the distinction of being the first ever to do so.

Although making it to the nationals was the team's overall goal from the onset of the season, members of the team feel that the possibility of actually fulfilling that goal became more real to them as the season wore on. They realized that all the hard work and training would pay off some day if they could keep their intensity level up and run like they wanted to, [illegible] to the nationals. From their performances during the season, it seemed clear that they did.

What team members said about reaching their goal of qualifying for the nationals:

Senior Tom Stewart— "If someone had told me when I was coming out of the operating room last March (back surgery) that we would go to the nationals, I would have told them they were crazy."

Senior Ken Pliska — "It's been a great year. This is something we've all worked for, and something we have deserved for the last five years."

[illegible] Fleming— "I'm glad I transferred here from HCC. This has been a great experience."

Sophomore Chris Kuates— "I've been dreaming about this all summer long, but now that it's really come true, it's more than I ever dreamed of."

Senior Greg Callahan— "Coach Doiron did a great job with us, and we could never had done it without him, that's for suree."

The entire team expressed their gratitude toward Coach Doiron and to track Coach Jerry Gravel. The runners were aiming to place in the top ten at the national meet as their next goal, and also were looking for more All-American certificates to add to the collection already amassed by Westfield State's track athletes.

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Athlete of the Week

Bob Erhardt

By KAREN FRAWLEY

This week's athlete of the week is football player Bob Erhardt. Erhardt has been a cornerstone of the Westfield team ever since he transferred to Westfield after spending his freshman year at AIC.

Erhardt is a graduate of Chicopee Comp, where he was all-league and All-Western Mass. in football for both his junior and senior years.

After taking a year off from football, Erhardt returned to the sport as a sophomore at Westfield, where he promptly made his mark with 116 tackles for the season, a school record. He also had 22 tackles in a single game to set another school record. After making 98 tackles as a junior, he came back in 1987 as a senior to break his own record with 130 tackles on the season.

Erhardt's favorite season, he said, was his last, because he found it to be particularly fun and challenging. The biggest challenge, according to Erhardt, came when he was called upon to play both ways, at fullback and linebacker, a task which can best be described as "exhausting." Erhardt, however, seemed to thrive on the additional playing time, and he was more than up to the challenge.

His numbers for the season tell the story: a team-leading 52.2 yeards rushed per game (in only 6 games) and the previously mentioned record-breaking 130 tackles.

In the midst of all this playing and record breaking, Erhardt never lost sight of the element of fun that should be involved in any sport. He enjoyed playing in Division III, although he could have been successful in a higher division.

He said, "I found Division III to be more relaxed and less time-consuming, but just as much fun as playing in a higher division might have been."

When asked to comment on a comparison drawn between himself and Heisman Trophy candidate Cordie Lockbaum of Holy Cross, Erhardt laughed.

"That's a little far-fetched, I think. Lockbaum plays in a much more competitive league than I do. We're in two totally different situations."

Maybe not all that different. Lockbaum and Erhardt are two players who are both offensive and defensive standouts on their respective teams.

Erhardt has high expectations for next year's football squad. "They should do quite well, with many players returning. John Maloney still has a year left, and Joe Champigny will probably be back next season too."

He praised the strong defense that was a key factor to Westfield's success this season. "We were really strong on defense this year, and just about the entire defensive line will be returning next year." He also mentioned that many of the younger players saw extra playing time this season as a result of injuries to the starters. These younger players will benefit in the future from the experience that they received this season.

It is fitting that that Owls recorded their winningest season ever during Bob Erhardt's last season at Westfield. A talented and personable player, Erhardt is a credit to Westfield and he provides a fine example for future players to follow in terms of sportsmanship and dedication to the game.

Westfield State's men's cross country team travelled to SMU on Nov. 21 to compete in the NCAA Division II Championships. Westfield's top three runners are (left to right) junior Steve Gaebel, senior Ken Finka and senior Gregg Callahan.

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Nine WSC Athletes Make All-Conference

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By MICKEY CURTIS, S.I.D.

Nine Westfield State athletes from four fall sports were selected to the Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference (MASCAC) all conference teams by voting conducted recently by the coaches and sports information directors.

Six Westfield State athletes were named to the first team and three were accorded honorable mention status.

The men's soccer team landed three first team picks. Senior back Joe Cleary made the all conference squad for the second straight year and was the leading vote getter this season. Cleary, who was again selected to play in the All New England soccer All Star game on November 22 in Worcester, scored 5 goals and 11 assists for a team high 16 points.

Also named to the men's soccer team from Westfield were junior forward Mark Gonsalves and sophomore forward Daryl Zaremba. Zaremba recorded four goals and eight assists during the Owls' 11-6 season, while Gonsalves had seven goals and six assists.

The women's soccer team also fared well in the voting, as junior forward Kathy Ross and senior back Tina Crowley-Goddard received the honors. A three time honorable mention pick, Ross led the Lady Owls with nine goals and one assist, while Crowley was the backbone of the tough Westfield defense, which held opponents to 14 goals in 14 games, including eight goals in the last 11 matches.

An honorable mention selection from Westfield's defense-minded women's soccer team was sophomore back Lori Turgeon.

Patti Clark, a senior forward, was the leading vote getter for the field hockey all-conference team. Clark was the team's leading scorer with five goals and one assist. Earning honorable mention honors for Dale Hickey was senior goalie Mary Lachapelle, who made 99 saves and allowed 11 goals.

Lynn Parmigian was the only player from Westfield's MASCAC Div. III championship volleyball team who was recognized. The freshman hitter made the honorable mention roll.

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Men's Soccer

Final Soccer Standin

North	W-L-T	Pts.
TB Rockets	6-0-2	14
P. Flaps	5-1-1	11
S. Batch	4-1-3	11
Volleyers	3-1-3	9
Sun Gods	4-2-1	9
B. Bros.	1-4-2	4
Coronas	1-6-1	3
Dogs	0-7-0	0
Motores	0-2-0	0

South	W-L-T	Pts.
Soviets	6-0-2	14
Rebels	7-1-0	14
G-Spots	6-2-0	12
Drillers	5-1-1	11
Mdusa	2-5-0	4
E. Boys	1-5-1	3
Zog	0-6-2	2
Fubar	1-7-0	1

Women's Soccer

Final Soccer Standings

West	W-L-T	Pts.
Huba Dubas	6-0-1	13
Wrecking Crew	2-3-3	7
Surges	2-3-2	6
Bruisers	2-5-1	5
Bucket Babes	0-5-2	2
PTU's	0-5-1	1

East	W-L-T	Pts.
Spanky's	5-1-2	12
Brew Crew	6-2-0	12
Keggers	4-2-2	10
Future Shock	4-2-2	10
Rasta Child	1-3-0	2

Basketball

Sunday 5-on-5 Standings

Excel	4-0
Maxtrax	4-0
G-Spots	3-1
Attack Vehicle	2-1
Team F.U. 2	2-1
Quiffers	2-1
No Names	2-2
Faculty	2-2
Jays	1-2
Urban Ed	1-2
P. Flaps	0-2
House Masters	0-3
Beastie Boys	0-3
Master Blasters	0-3
P. Necklace	0-0

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL [illegible]

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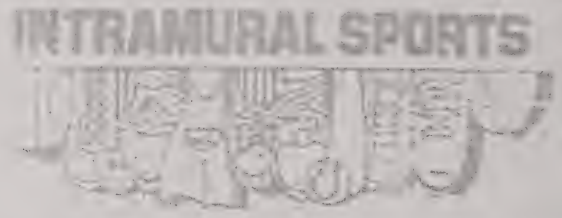
ROSTERS DUE ON OR BEFORE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30th.....

BASKETBALL JAMBOREE STARTS ON NOV. 30th



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Couger & Reef's Sports Shorts

Well, sports fans, we're back again. Sorry about missing another week, but you know how it is with the hectic lives we sportswriters lead. We ran into a little touchy situation involving Horrible Helga (women's national jello-wrestling champion) and didn't make it back in time for deadline—but enough of our sordid personal lives—back to state sports.

Firstly, Sports Shorts would like to congratulate some of Westfield State's premier athletes. All-Conference selections came out this week, and WSC was well represented.

For men's soccer, Owl standout Joe Conry was selected for his second straight year after leading Westfield into the tournament.

On the women's soccer side, Captain Trish Crowely and center/forward Aimee Ross were named to the first team, with back Lori Herpin getting a deserved honorable mention.

The hugely successful men's cross country team placed in six of the seven spots on the All-Conference roster. The team includes repeaters Ken Pliska, Steve Gaebel, and Greg Callahan, along with first time All-Conference stars Steve Fleming, Tom Stewart, and Chris Kiatos.

From the women's field hockey team, forward Pam Clark was first team and goalie Mara Lichoolas won honorable mention. Lynn Farrington, of the women's volleyball team also won All-Conference Honorable Mention.

O.K. Enough with All-Conference picks. It's time for Sports-Shorts votes for some of the national awards.

For the Heisman Trophy, we agree that Notre Dame's Tim Brown is having a good year, but we have no choice but to give the Heisman to Westfield's own Jeff Stackpole.

Stackpole had an outstanding year, and we are confident that he should carry at least the eastern United States in the voting.

As for the Outland Trophy for outstanding lineman in the country, we sadly cannot, in all impartiality, give it to Westfield's panther-like Bob Hartnett.

Hartnett was in strong contention throughout the year, but was eclipsed in the last few games by an outstanding last few games from a 6'-9", 380 lb. lineman from the Big Eight. Sorry, Bob.

A special award, we will call it the Gordie Lockbeum award, goes out to all-around star Bob Erhardt.

Erhardt was the team's leading rusher, and leading tackler, as well as being an all-around team leader.

So congratulations to all winners, and best of luck in the pro's. Well, that's it for this week, see you next week (we hope).

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Women's basketball off to quick start

BY KAREN FRAWELY

The Westfield women's basketball team is off to a promising start, with [illegible] after winning the Lady Owl Invitational Tournament last weekend.

Although the Owls have had a [illegible] Kings College has been the only team to defeat them in the championship. On Nov. 21, the hoopsters travelled to Regis College and [illegible] Kings College to win the Regis tournament.

Top players for Westfield in the tournaments were junior Dawn [illegible] and point guard Wendy Kelley. Davis [illegible] and was named to the all-tournament team. She averaged 10.2 points and 6.2 rebounds in the 1986 season. Junior Felicia [illegible] also made her presence felt in the game with 10 rebounds and 5 points. [illegible] with some impressive passes. Wendy Kelley added 11 points to the Westfield cause, and is 5-5 so far this season in 3 point attempts.

Junior college transfer Wendy Kelley quickly carved out a spot for herself in the opening wins. Also named to the all-tournament team, she had 10 assists in the opening game and 19 points in the championship round. Head [illegible] White [illegible] Kelley [illegible] in the season's [illegible] in the game [illegible] where the latter had experienced difficulties in the past.

Westfield is an [illegible] team, however. The Scholastic [illegible] Junior [illegible] Kristine Lefebvre (11 points and 23 rebounds in two games), and junior Tonia Chevalier (11 points, 15 rebounds).

Coach White was pleased with the team's wins, but not with their overall play. "With the possible exception of a few players, we have not been very consistent in our play. We have yet to develop a killer instinct."

The Lady Owls opened up the regular season on Nov. 24 against Roger Williams, a young team which lost its players to graduation. Westfield got out to a quick start and was up by 12 points, 34-22, at halftime. The second half featured some aggressive play by junior captain Kelly LaChance, who [illegible] a 7-for performance with 15 points and 8 rebounds. LaChance [illegible] averaged 10.2 points and 6.2 rebounds in the 1986 season. Junior Felicia [illegible] also made her presence felt in the game with 10 rebounds and 5 points [illegible] with some impressive passes. Wendy Kelley added 11 points to the Westfield cause, and is 5-5 so far this season in 3 point attempts.

Roger Williams [illegible] was able to deal with Westfield's tough half-court press, which produced many short [illegible] Lady Owls. Roger Williams [illegible] but [illegible] in an [illegible] game, when Westfield's [illegible] with a tough pass or [illegible] Juniata Lions for the [illegible]. Westfield won by a final score of 55-40, bringing their record to 1-1.

Coach White has some [illegible] goals in mind for the [illegible] year. First, he wants to qualify for an NCAA post-season berth. Next, he would like to "get honors for as many players as possible." Finally, he wants to "help his players to mature and grow as players and young women."

[illegible] goal plan, White [illegible] "I don't [illegible] to be [illegible] would have a chance at winning eight [illegible] Quinnipiac [illegible] Lions and Bridgewater State, he said. "I would like to think that these schools are concerned about beating us." He went on to say that he had "no idea" about the new players that will be joining the team, but he feels certain that Westfield is at least one of the top four teams in the league. With the addition of some promising players, the return of the injured [illegible] who have demonstrated their talents, and the 4-0 start, it looks like Coach White may just reach his goal.

The Lady Owls won their fourth straight game at home on Dec. 1, when they defeated Amherst College by a score of 87-63 at home.

Leading scorers in the game were Yvette Davis (19 points, 8 rebounds), Lori Fleming (12 points) and Wendy Kelley (11 points). Laurel Altobelli [illegible] key free throws down the stretch to [illegible] for the win for Westfield.

Athlete of the Week

Athlete of the Week honors go to senior basketball player Yvette Davis. In the team's recent tournament at Regis College, Davis was named MVP and chosen to the all-star team. She had 19 and 22 points in the tournament two games.

X-country runners compete in nationals

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BY KAREN FRAWELY

Although Westfield State's men's cross country team only extended their season by one week when they qualified for nationals, at the end of that week they enjoyed the experience of a lifetime. The team accomplished their season-long goal when they placed third in the New England Division III Championships, thus securing for themselves a spot in the National Division III Championship meet.

On Nov. 20, the runners traveled by plane to Michigan and competed the next day in the championship meet held at Hope College in Holland, Michigan.

The race took place at the snow-covered Hope Country Club near the college. Because the course had to be cleared of snow, the race conditions were very muddy, causing more than one runner to lose a shoe during the race.

The Owls had hoped to place in the top 15 in the meet, and although they went out fast, the field was tougher than expected and they ended up finishing nineteenth.

Top finisher for Westfield was senior Ken Pluta, who placed 64th overall, 28th among seniors, with a time of 25:41. Junior Steve Gaebel was next for the Owls with a time of 25:55, good for 89th overall, 28th among juniors.

Senior Gregg Callahan was third, checking in at 114th among seniors, in 26:12.

The other runners for Westfield were senior Steve Fleming (140th, 26:27), sophomore Chris Kurtz (156, 26:48), junior Tom Stewart (150, 26:37), and freshman Lance Campbell (177, 27:51).

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Karate Club Takes 2nd Place

By MARK GWOZDZ

The Karate Club took home two 2nd place trophies in an Intercollegiate Karate Tournament held at Western New England College on Saturday, Nov. 8.

This was the first intercollegiate tournament the club participated in this year. Westfield State was one of six colleges that participated in the day-long tournament. Other colleges included Brown University, Westpoint, Yale, Western New England College, and Springfield College.

The tournament included a board breaking demonstration, forms competition, and point sparring.

Club members Deuan Chomany, Mark Gwozdz, Matt Moriarty, Jeff Szymaniak, Al Bornemann and Mike Martin all fought on the Men's A Team, which is made up of those who have had previous fighting experience.

The Men's B Team was led by returning members Paul Willridge and John Grace, with Mike O'Neil, Doug Herrick, Jeff Manning, Luke Kettles, and Bob Downing all fighting for the first time.

Due to unexpected injuries, the Women's Team did not compete in Saturday's tournament.

Although the competition was tough, the club did exceptionally well. Team spirit and hard training were the key factors to the club's success.

Club President Mark Gwozdz adds, "Coach Barry Dill was very encouraging and gave us the support we needed."

The Karate Club's next tournament is Saturday, Nov. 21. The club will face off with the Army Academy and other major colleges at Westpoint, New York.

The following is a summary of the current standing of the schools in The Mass State Conference in competition for the Smith Cup, which awarded annually to the school which compiles the most points in fall, winter and spring varsity sports.

School	Football	Men's Soccer	Women's Soccer	Field Hockey	Women's Volleyball	Men's Tennis	Women's Tennis	Men's X-Country	Women's X-Country	Totals
Salem	X	6	4	4	4	4	6			[illegible]
Westfield	2	2		2	6		2	3	1	18
Bridgewater	2			6	2		4	1		15
North Adams	X		6	X		6			2	14
Fitchburg		4	X			2		2	3	11
Worcester	6		X						X	6
Framingham			2			X	X			2
Mass Maritime	2		X	X	X		X		X	2

X-is not a conference member of this sport

For round robin conference competition, 6 points are awarded for first place; 4 for second, and 2 for third.

For conference tournament competitions (cross country), 3 points area awarded for first place, 2 for second, 1 for third.

—*compiled by Mickey Curtis, S.I.D.*

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Fall season successful for Westfield

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BY MICKEY CURTS, S.I.D.

The Westfield State athletic program produced one of its best seasons ever as all of its fall sports teams earned high grades for competitiveness on the playing fields.

The Owls earned most of their best marks in the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC), where two teams captured championships and five others placed in the top three to garner all-important points for the conference's overall team title.

The following is a team-by-team rundown of one of Westfield State's most satisfying seasons in recent history:

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY: Conference finish: first

The running Owls coasted to their fourth straight conference title by taking seventh by taking seven of the first eight spots in the championship meet. The Owls were led across the finish line by veterans Ken Pliska, Steve Gaebel, Gregg Callahan, and Steve Fleming. Another highlight of the season was a strong 11th place showing in the All New England Championships. Westfield was rated the fourth best team in New England following the prestigous meet.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL: 9-11 overall, 6-0 conference, MASCAC champs.

Westfield rebounded from several disappointing seasons on the volleyball court to claim the conference crown for capable first year coaches Gwen Keough and Paula Conway. The Owls registered thrilling victories over Bridgewater State and Salem State on the final two days of the season. With only two seniors graduating from the championship club, the future looks bright for the Lady Owl netters.

MEN'S GOLF: 9th in the ECAC finals (golf is not a MASCAC sport)

Veteran coach John Kurty said it was the finest season ever for his Westfield golfers, who competed in the ECAC Championships for the first time and placed a very respectable ninth in a strong field which featured Division I and II eastern powers. Pat Rahilly and Dean Godek, both seniors from Chicopee, were low medalists in the ECAC's, with two round totals of 155. The Owls first unit also included Kevin Piecuch, Mark Oulette, and Scott Dyer.

FOOTBALL: 6-3 overall, 3-2 conference, tied for second

It was season to remember for the Owls as they posted the best record and most wins in their seven year history. Rated the eighth best team in New England, Westfield rolled to a 5-1 record before disappointing defeats to Worcester State and Bridgewater knocked them out of playoff contention. Leading the Owls of second-year coach Jack Murdock was a talented senior class which included Bob Erhardt, Carlos Canino, Eric Ryder and Jeff Stackpole.

MEN'S SOCCER: 13-6 overall, 5-2 conference, third place

The future also looks bright for the underclassmen-dominated men's soccer team, which advanced to the ECAS playoffs and finished third in the highly competitive MASCAC. Veteran head coach Jim Fonte has reason to smile at Joe Conry, the team's leading scorer, was the only senior on this year's squad. Other key performers on this year's squad were Daryl Zanardi and Mark Gonsalves.

FIELD HOCKEY: 8-6-1 overall, 2-2-1 conference, third place.

Second year head coach Diane Lussier was pleased with her team's progress during its winning season.

The Lady Owls were in every game and gave MASCAC powers Salem and Bridgewater scares before falling by 1-0 scores. Goalie Mara Lichoulas was a standout on defense. Pacing the Lady Owls in scoring were Pam Clark, Amy Willey and Sharon Underwood.

WOMEN'S TENNIS: 2-7 overall, 2-2 conference, third place

Senior captain Sandy Pires, a steady groundstoker, was 3-1 in conference matches at No. 2 singles while sophomore Robin Capone was 2-1 at No. 1. Sophomore Kris Zooleck, junior Kristen Sikora and sophomore Maureen Lych all posted 3-1 conference marks at Nos. 4-6 singles.

WOMEN'S SOCCER: 6-5-3 overall, 1-2-1 conference, fourth place

The women's soccer squad bounced back from a slow 1-3-1 start to challenge for a post season playoff berth. Defense was the Lady Owls' strong suit as they recorded six straight shutouts during one stretch in going 4-0-2. The highlight of the streak was a 1-0 triumph over MASCAC champ North Adams. Some of the stars for veteran mentor Bob Harrington were leading scorer Aimee Ross, defenders Trish Crowley and Lori Harpin, and freshman Deb Bousquet.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY: conference finish: third place

First year head coach Ann Dever brought enthusiasm back into the women's cross country program, whose season was highlighted by a third place finish in the MASCAC championships. Leaders of the pack were Lisa Desforge, Deb Lievi, and Trish Gallagher.

MEN'S TENNIS: 2-9 overall, 2-4 conference, fifth place

The men's tennis team contended for third place honors before dropping its final game of the season. Top seeds for the Owl netters were Bert Rovetto, Kevin Hamel and Steve Baudrot.

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Men's team drops two

DEC. 1987

By KAREN FRAWLEY

Although Westfield State's men's basketball team has opened up the season with two losses, look for them to be right in the thick of things as the season wears on and the Mass. State Conference games begin.

The Owls play a tough non-conference schedule against many big schools [illegible] and Coldwell starting Jan. 12.

In the first game of the season, Westfield went up against S.E. Mass, a team [illegible] a preseason poll. The Owls almost came away with a surprise win in the contest, but they ended up losing by three points, 78-75. Second year head coach Robert Lawless was happy with the way his team played in that game, especially in light of the fact that Westfield was without some key players who were down with injuries.

Leading the way for the Owls in the SE Mass game was sophomore guard Jim Bruno. Bruno, coming off an injury himself, poured in 30 points on some nice outside shooting. The guards shouldered most of the scoring duties in the game. Sophomore Chris Montemayor had 14 points to go along with seven assists, while freshman Leonard Bass added 10 points. Big rebounders for the Owls in the game were freshman forward Marvin Watford with 10 and sophomore center Richard Jones with nine.

Westfield was trailing the game the half by a score of 38-36, but [illegible] the second half enough to give SE Mass the win.

The Owls opened last [illegible] season host to the Lancers of Lancaster Bible College, which has since [illegible] Division II championship. Coach Lawless said players [illegible] key players. Westfield was unable to contend with the taller Trinity defense, and ended up losing by a score of 74-56.

Westfield never stopped hustling in this fast-paced game, and as a whole the team showed signs of better things to come as the season continues. The Owls have picked up two freshmen who should prove to be valuable contributors this season, Marvin Watford and Leonard Bass. Watson led the team in rebounds with eight, while Bass [illegible] for 10 points. Leading the team in scoring were Bruno and Jones with 12 points each. Jones also went to the boards for seven rebounds.

The Owls stayed right with Trinity in the first half, which reached its high point when Richard Jones slammed the ball home to bring the standing-room-only crowd to its feet. Had Westfield been able to keep up the intensity level they showed in the first half, they may well have won the game. The first half ended with Trinity ahead by five, 35-30.

The second half did not go as well for Westfield. Despite some good hustle and passing from sophomore guard Rodney Smith, aggressive rebounding from Jones, and smooth ball handling from Montemayor, the Owls let up defensively, and after a Trinity three pointer found themselves down by 55-43 with about eight minutes remaining in the game. This would prove to be a hole that Westfield could not climb out of, and from this point on things got worse instead of better.

Jim Bruno squeezed out two three pointers in the closing minutes, but it was a case of too little too late for Westfield. The final score, which was not at all indicative of the close first half, was 74-55.

The Owls are looking to improve on last year's overall record of 11-12. They finished 8-4 in the conference.

The Owl Scoreboard

Men's Basketball (0 - 2)

WSC 75	SMU 78
WSC 56	Trinity 74

Women's Basketball

WSC 52	Roger Williams 43
WSC. 67	Amherst 63

Hockey (0 - 5)

WSC 0	Babson 10
WSC 4	Trinity 6

Men's Indoor Track

Tied for second in Tufts/Lowell meet

Swimming

WSC 55 WPI 67

*** The WSC Swim team set 8 school records in the meet.***

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MEETINGS

There will be a very important organizational meeting for the Men's Varsity Baseball Team. Any student interested in baseball should attend. The meeting will be December 15, at 6:30 P.M. in Ely 304.

Anyone interested in trying out for men's soccer team should leave name in the Athletic Office.

All Conference Grid Players

By KAREN FRAWLEY

For the final word on Westfield's 1987 football season, read on:

Four of Westfield's players were named to the New England Football Conference's All-Conference first team, while five others were named to the honorable mention list. On the first team for the Owls were senior linebacker and team leader Bob Erhardt. Erhardt, the leading vote-getter among linebackers in the conference, lead the team with 52.2 yards rushed per game and a school record breaking 130 tackles on the season.

Senior tight end Jeff Stackpole was also named to the All-Conference team after leading the Owls in scoring (5.6 points per game) and receiving 49 receptions for 701 yards and an average of 14.3 yards per game.

Also a senior, defensive back Carlos Canino joins Stackpole and Erhardt in first team honors. Canino had 38 tackles on the season and returned 24 punts for 207 yards to lead the team.

Freshman wide receiver Nick Miglionico had a strong first season as he too was named to the first team after scoring four touchdowns and pulling in 14 passes for a total of 389 yards.

The five players who were cited on the honorable mention list in the NEFC All-Conference voting were senior running back Joe Champigney, sophomore off guard Tom Allard, senior off guard Paul Donnelly, junior center Tom Murdock, and freshman punter Jeff Rothberg.

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Sport	Women	Men
Fall Softball	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fall Basketball Tour	[illegible]	[illegible]
Football	HUBA DUBAS	G. SPOTS
Soccer	HUBA DUBAS	SOVIETS
Volleyball	SPANKYS	P. FLAPS
Co-Rec Volleyball		in progress
Racketball Tour		in progress

MEN'S LEADING TEAMS

TEAM	FOOTBALL	SOCCER	VOLLEYBALL	TOTAL
1)P. Flaps	29	35	41	105
2)G. Spots	41	26	29	96
3)Drillers	26	26	26	78
4)Soviets	26	41	0	67
5)Zog	0	25	35	60
6)S. Batch	25	26	---	51
7)MDUSA	---	25	26	51
8)B. Brothers	25	25	---	50
9)Corona's	25	25	---	50
10)E. Boys	---	25	25	50
11)Master Blasters	35	0	0	35
12)T.B. Rockets	---	31	---	31
13)Pearl Necklace	29	0	0	29
14)Team B&ko	0	0	29	29
15)Motorcs	28	0	0	28
16)Purple Shamrocks	26	0	0	26
17)Volleyers	---	26	---	26

WOMEN'S LEADING TEAMS

TEAM	FOOTBALL	SOCCER	VOLLEYBALL	TOTAL
1) Huba Duba	41	41	27	109
2) Spankys	35	31	41	107
3) Future Shock	29	26	31	86
4) Rasta Child	25	0	25	50
5)Alabama Slamahs	---	---	37	37
6) Brew Crew	---	35	---	35
7) W.F.A.	29		---	29
8) Wrecking Crew	---	29	---	29
9) WATB	---	---	27	27
10) Crips	---	---	27	27
11)Surges	---	26	---	26
12)Bruisers	---	26	---	26
13)Keggers	---	26	---	26

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High hopes for hoop season

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By MICKEY CURTIS, SID

Talent alone does not win games. The Westfield State men's basketball team discovered that last year when it finished 11-12, attacking its rugged schedule with a cast of quality players featuring All-American performer Russell Thompson.

Thompson, the nation's leading rebounder and team's leading scorer, has since graduated, but the talent is still there, as is another demanding schedule, which is why second-year head coach Bob Lawless heads into the 1987-88 season with a cautious outlook in terms of won/loss goals.

"I think as the year goes along we'll find we have the talent and depth to be a good club, but with our early season schedule you'll find that we're going to struggle early," Lawless said. "We play too many big schools. Before we hit the league season we are going to have our hands full."

The Owls' brutal pre-season schedule includes meetings with Division II schools American International College, Merrimack, Jersey City and Pace, and Division III powers Southeastern Massachusetts, Trinity, Western Connecticut and Eastern Connecticut. So the Owls just may be looking for a repeat of last year, when they finished 8-4 in the Massachusetts State Conference, but were 11-12 overall.

They played competitively in the losses, losing only two games by more than 10 points.

"People probably look at us as being fourth or fifth, but I think we have a legitimate shot of winning the title if we keep everybody healthy and eligible," said Lawless, who looks for Salem, North Adams and Framingham to field strong clubs. "Plus, our strong schedule should pay dividends when we hit the league."

Win or lose, expect Westfield State to put a competitive and exciting club on the court. Here's the preseason scouting report from the Owl coach himself:

"I think Westfield fans will see more of an aggressive, pressure-defense type of team that gets up and down the court quickly," Lawless said. "It will be more of an up-tempo type of team."

"I'm a strong believer of playing man defense, but we are going to go with multiple defenses early because we size and have young kids. We are going to have to mix up our defenses to be effective. We're going to run more and pressure more and hopefully by the second half of the year we'll have a balanced inside and outside attack so we don't have pressure all of the time to win games."

Though the Owls have plenty of talented veterans and newcomers, Lawless continually stresses that they are still a young club with only two seniors on the 14-player roster. Lawless plans to send out two juniors, one sophomore and two freshmen for the opening tip.

The top returnees are sharpshooting sophomore guard Jim Bruno and junior Bryan Gilmer, a smooth 6-4 forward. Bruno hit on 44 of 100 three-point attempts last year in averaging 12.9 points. He averaged 18 a game the second half of last season to carry the team offensively.

Gilmer is also a team catalyst and the Owls will look to get him the ball [illegible]. Last season he shot 55 percent from the field and averaged 4.9 rebounds and 12.6 points.

"Gilmer is capable of scoring big numbers and I think he's more prepared to play a strong both offensively and defensively," Lawless said. "He has a lot of natural athletic ability. He's probably the best athlete on the floor. He's quick, jumps well, and is improving his shooting touch both inside and outside."

Lawless speaks highly of two more new faces — freshmen Leonard Bass and Marvin Watford. Bass, a 6-2 swingman who starred for Springfield Central High School's 1987 state champs, will start at either off-guard or small forward.

"Lee is close to Bryan (Gilmer) in terms of overall athletic ability," said Lawless. "He can score inside and outside and is an excellent jumper. He is a young 17-year-old freshman who is capable of dominating over the next few years with experience. That's the way we felt about him when we brought him in."

Watford, a 6-4 center a Pittsfield's Taconic High School, is making the adjustment to playing small or power forward on the collegiate level.

"He's a very intense type of player who will be one of our top rebounders," Lawless said. "He's good off both boards. We expect a lot from him by the second half of the year."

Another promising underclassman Lawless has ticketed for a lot of early-season action is Richard Jones, an imposing 6-7, 226 pound center from Springfield Tech. Jones played in 12 games last season, averaging 2.8 points and 2.6 rebounds.

"Rich has the potential to be a dominating player at this level," Lawless said. "His physical skills and size make him the first legitimate center I've had here. He has the size and quickness to become a power center in our league."

Others expected to see action are returnees Victor Davis, a 6-0 guard who is a good transition player and streak outside shooter; 5-9 sophomore guard Chris Montemayer, who started eight games last year and averaged 5.6 points; 6-0 junior Rodney Smith, who can play both guard positions, senior Kevin Curry, a 6-3 power forward, and junior transfer Kendall May, a point guard.

Lawless is hoping that Keith Bixby, a 6-7 sophomore who is still recovering from a major stress fracture surgery, will eventually work his way into the backup center role. Fred Burton, who started nine games early last season before being sidelined with an injury, is another player who could help a great deal, particularly on defense, if he can fully recover from a stress fracture.

"Our depth should pay dividends, especially in the second half of the year when we get the experience," said Lawless.

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Peter Laviolette: Olympian in every sense of the word

By JERRY RADDING

How does a young hockey player go from a losing Division III program at Westfield State College to a professional contract in the NHL and a strong contending spot for the Olympics?

According to the people most closely associated with Peter Laviolette's progress on the ice, this bruising defenseman from Franklin is doing it with a neat blend of ability, desire and hard work.

Good things have happened quickly for Laviolette since he left the Westfield State campus in the spring of '86. Officially, he's only two cuts away from making the U.S. hockey team which will be competing in the Winter Olympics next month in Calgary. Insiders say he's a good bet to make it.

Although he wouldn't make any firm commitments, U.S. coach Dave Peterson did give Laviolette an encouraging report yesterday. "He's still here isn't he? I can say Peter has a very good chance of making the final roster," commented the coach before practice in Duluth, Minn.

The U.S. team, on the stretch run of a 60-game exhibition tour which started at the end of the summer, beat University of Minnesota-Duluth 8-4 Tuesday night. "Peter's a strong penalty-killer and he's made a lot of progress since coming to us," Peterson added.

Laviolette also is proceeding with caution. "Things have gone well for me but I just have to keep working," he said. "It's been an enjoyable experience and the competition is excellent. The traveling is a bit much at times but just thinking about where you can be in February (the Olympics) makes it all worthwhile."

The squad has 22 skaters and three goalkeepers and two skaters will have to go before the team leaves for Calgary on Feb. 10, according to Mike Schroeder of the Amateur Hockey Association of the U.S. (AHAUS), the national governing body of the sport.

"The interesting thing about Laviolette is that he's the only Division III player on the squad and he was never involved with any U.S. amateur hockey development program like most of the players," said Schroeder.

"He came to us as a real longshot. He wasn't one of the original 32 invited to the team and he wasn't even among the 60 selected after the open trials to attend the U.S. Olympic Festival last July. He was strictly a kid on the outside looking in."

Laviolette, now a strapping 6-2, 198 pounds, played forward on a state finalist team at Franklin High. "I got a call about this good kid at Franklin and I sent him a letter," recalled Chuck Michonski, who was the Westfield State coach at the time. "I saw him play once in an all-star game. He came to visit with his parents and decided on Westfield State."

The Laviolette years at Westfield weren't all that glamorous. In his first year, ('82-'83) the team was 14-12-1, but after that things went steadily downhill. The team went 11-14, 7-16 and 3-19. Laviolette ended with 43 goals and 44 assists for 87 points in his four years at Westfield — not bad for a defenseman. His 12 goals and 8 assists in his senior year led the team in scoring.

"I needed a big, strong kid for defense and I made him a defenseman a little bit against his will," Michonski noted. "But he's an over-achiever and he worked very hard. He was always first in every drill we had. He's an extremely fast, mobile athlete.

"We played a schedule over our heads but maybe that helped Peter progress — and it could be the reason he's doing as well today."

"We just know Peter had a real burning desire for the game when he went to Westfield," said his mother, Helen Laviolette. "Chuck brought him there and gave him a lot of confidence.

"We're just delighted with the opportunities Peter has had."

Laviolette had no bites from the pros after graduation from Westfield State. He first attracted notice from Minnesota North Stars' scout Smokey Cerrone, who saw the big defenseman playing in a summer league in Hingham.

"He went to the North Stars' tryout camp with a broken hand and he could hardly hold the stick," recalled Michonski.

Even in that condition, he made a good enough impression to earn a one-year contract in the International Hockey League. Laviolette played last season for the IHL's Indianapolis Checkers, a team which later folded. In 78 games, he had 10 goals and 23 assists.

"We watched him play a couple of times at the end of the year," said Jack Ferreira, Director of Player Development for the New York Rangers. "After his one-year contract ran out with the IHL, we signed him. I was talking with Peterson (the U.S. coach) and I knew they were looking for more depth on defense. I recommended that they take Peter."

About a week after the U.S. team started training last August in Lake Placid, Laviolette joined the team and has been there ever since. "I can't see him not making the team," said Ferreira. "We think a lot of him or we wouldn't have given him a three-year contract — and I

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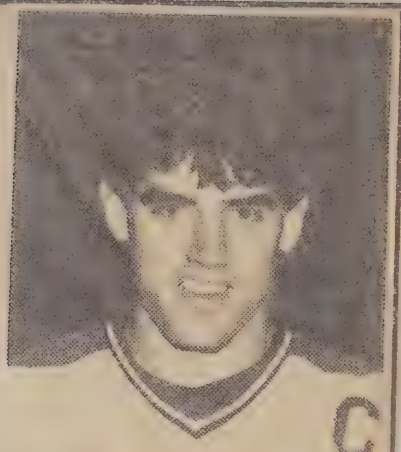

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:know Dave (Peterson) likes him. "He plays very physical but he :knows his limitations and he doesn't try to overplay his position. He has good hockey sense. I've seen him play a lot and he gets better and better.

"In fact, if he has a fairly good showing in the Olympics, he could get a shot in New York right away. It will depend upon how our team is doing at the time."

The 23-year-old Laviolette has played in 45 of the U.S. team's 49 games. He has three goals and 18 assists. The team is 31-13-5 against an amalgam of NHL, college and international opposition.

Jerry Healy, a business professor at Westfield State who coached the hockey team for most of Laviolette's senior season after Michonski's departure, accepts no credit for the defenseman's rise to prominence.

"All I knew about hockey was from watching my kids play," said Healy. "But Peter, who was captain for three years, helped make the job easier for me under trying circumstances. I was just the gray head behind the bench.

"But I knew Peter both on and off the ice — he was one of my students. And I can tell you this — he's an Olympian in every sense of the word."

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Kelly LaChance, left, gets set to receive the pass in the women's basketball team's recent win over Elms College. Teammates Felicia Sykes, center, and Kris Jackivicz, right, look on.

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Hoopsters edge N. Adams in big win

By Karen Frawley

After dropping their first three league games this season, the men's basketball team is back on track with three straight league wins.

In the latest and most hotly contested game, Westfield overcame a 14 point second quarter deficit and surprised tough conference rival North Adams, edging them out by one point in the final seconds of play.

For the Owls, the 84-83 win was a game full of heroes from unlikely sources. When asked to pick a game MVP, assistant coach Chris Petrides said he "couldn't possibly do it — we had so many guys come off the bench and turn in three or four strong minutes."

"A key to this win is that we dug in and committed ourselves defensively," Petrides said. "It was truly a team effort, with both the starters and the bench doing great jobs."

Westfield found themselves trailing by six points at the half, and with 10:38 to go in the game they were down by 14, their biggest deficit. The Fighting Owls proceeded to claw their way out of that particular hole, with some help from sophomore guard Jim Bruno, who scored the quick points in about five minutes of play. It was on a Bruno three pointer that Westfield took the lead for the first time since early in the first half, 78-77.

Picking up on the action with 2:33 remaining, Westfield increased their lead to three on a sweeping move by junior forward Bryan Gilmer (20pt.,7 rebs.). Less that thirty seconds later, Gilmer fouled out of the game, which meant that the Owls has lost one of their "go-go" players. With the two free throws and a layup on a lost Westfield possession, North Adams was head by one, 81-80, and had the ball with 1:02 to go. Late game hero sophomore Dave Bushnell pulled in the rebound off the North Adams miss, passed upcourt to junior forward Bill [illegible], who hit the shot. Fallon fouled a North Adams player in the process of making that shot, however, which put the opposition on the line for a one and one. He missed, leaving Westfield down by one, 83-82, with 30 seconds remaining.

Bushnell got the pass on the other end and went in for the layup, and it was at this point that the Westfield fans began to celebrate in earnest because Bushnell's layup put the Owls up by one, with just two seconds to go. North Adams couldn't do anything in that time, which meant an 84-83 victory for Westfield and another "W" in the scoring column.

Because so many players had a significant hand in the win, it was especially sweet, according to assistant coach Petrides. "It was a great win, and it wouldn't have happened without the tough defensive effort we put out [illegible] the entire game," he said.

Offensive contributions were obviously crucial to the victory as well. Gilmer and Bruno were co-high scorers, each with 20. Bruno was four for five from three point land, and he is currently ranked fourth in Division III nationally in three pointers, having made 44 so far this season. Bruno was also named twice to the ECAC Player of the Week honor roll.

Richard Jones added 14 points and 8 rebounds to Westfield's cause, and Chris Montemayer had 7 points and 4 assists at point guard.

Including his game-icing bucket, Bushnell had 10 points and 5 boards. Six of those points came on back-to-back three pointers at the start of the game.

Westfield evened their league record to 3-3, 11-4 overall, with the win over North Adams.

The Owls face Worcester State tomorrow night at 8 in the home game of the season.

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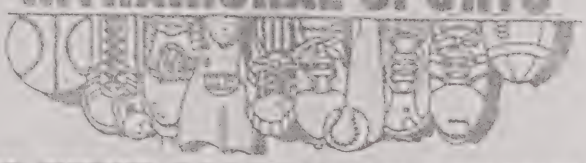

MEN'S FIVE ON FIVE BASKETBALL

EXCEL	5 - 2	G. SPORTS	6 - 1
MAX TRAX	6 - 2	QUIFFERS	5 - 2
P. FLAPS	3 - 2	ATTACK VEHICLE	3 - 5
URBAN ED.	2 - 4	JAYS	1 - 5
TEAM F. U. 2	2 - 6	MASTER BLASTERS	1 - 7
BEASTIE BOYS	3 - 4	FACULTY	5 - 2
NO NAMES	3 - 3	P. NECKLACE	2 - 0
HOUSE MASTERS	0 - 5		

Notes and Notices

—Anyone who has an interest in basketball may apply for an intramurals official position. Men's and women's 4 on 4 officials are needed. Apply now! Start right away! Second floor Ely, room 231, Intramural department, ext. 417.

—For the second straight year, sophomore Mike Daly is champion of the Intramural raquetball tournament. Daly defeated Jim Corso in the final game to take the championship.

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Small, talented gymnastics team "a family affair"

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—Sports Information Department

Just call the 1988 season a family affair for the Westfield State gymnastics team and new head coach Harvey Stockhammer, who believes his small roster of six women can be the springboard to an enjoyable successful year.

"Because we have small squad the girls are working harder and working together well," said Stockhammer, a highly successful coach for five years at East Longmeadow High School, where his team won the 1987 Western Massachusetts B division title. "There seems to be more unity. It's like a family with everyone working together."

Gymnastics is a sport in which large rosters aren't critical, but the Lady Owls' lack of numbers may have hurt them a bit in their season opener Jan. 30. Westfield placed third in a tri-meet with 103.90 points behind Hunter College of New York City with 116.1 and Rhode Island College with 121.3.

"One or two more girls might have helped us, but you really don't need that big of a squad in gymnastics," said Stockhammer. "I think the only time we'll be in trouble is if we have any injuries."

Stockhammer was pleased with his girls' showing after they overcame their opening meet jitters.

"I thought we did real well," said Stockhammer, who is also part-time owner of the Stoney Hill gymnastics club in Wilbraham, after his collegiate coaching debut. "We had trouble getting started but once we got going we did well. I just think we pulled together well and had a good meet."

Christine Antosca and Staci Holcomb placed third and fourth, respectively, in the all around for Westfield in its opener. Antosca turned in the strongest showing, finishing second in the floor exercise and third in the balance beam. Karen Crosier placed fourth in the floor exercise and finished in a tie for fourth in the vault with teammate Pam Tatlow. Lori Bunyea was fourth in the balance beam. Rounding out the squad is sophomore Diana Diaz, who competes on the balance beam.

"All our girls are good gymnasts," said Stockhammer. "There is not person on the team who sticks out. All are pretty close in ability."

In addition, all six girls are sophomores and all are returning letterwinners. With all this in common one could say they are almost like a family.

Women's hoop team squashes North Adams; evens record to 3-3

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By Karen Frawley

After losing the first three games of the second semester, Westfield State's women's basketball team made an abrupt about-face and stormed back to win their next [illegible] games. The team is currently 3-3 in the MASCAC league, and 5-6 overall, and they are carrying and overall record of 11-5.

The Lady Owls latest victim in their string of victories is league doormat North Adams State, which dropped its record to 1-5 in the league, 4-12 overall, after losing to Westfield by a score of 77-50. This was [illegible] seventh victory in eleven games.

North Adams relied on their outside shooting game to keep them within striking distance throughout the first half, although they failed to [illegible] the halftime mark of the game. By half time, the Lady Owls were trailing, 37-30.

Westfield consistently dominated the second half. Garbage time officially began right midway in the half, when North Adams finally took a time out to collect themselves. They discovered that they had waited about too long to do that, though, because in those eight minutes Westfield jumped out to an insurmountable 17 point lead, outscoring North Adams 20-2.

Sparking the Lady Owls' offensive attack in those pivotal eight minutes were junior guard Wendy Kelley and sophomore forward Kristina Ackerlof, both of whom made big 3rd converted them into points. Junior forward Kelly LaChance and senior guard Yvette Davis also got into the offensive show.

North Adams was not aided by the fact that their hot shooters spent halftime in the freezer, as their almost nonexistent inside game. The last eight minutes of the game were pure garbage time material, and by the end Westfield had maintained their 27 point halftime lead margin; for a 77-50 final score.

Yvette Davis had 18 points, 9 rebounds, and 6 assists in the North Adams contest. Thus far in the season Davis has been named ECAC Player of the Week once and was [illegible] as the [illegible] Player of the Week. Davis leads her team in scoring and is second in the league in that category with a 19.7 pg average.

The team's newest star, and its leading scorer in the North Adams game, is junior forward Tessa Chenaille [illegible] in the last two games, but [illegible] of the season, she has averaged 18.5 points and 14.3 rebounds, and she was named to the ECAC Player of the Week honor roll.

Along with Chenaille, Westfield's [illegible] attack was led by [illegible] Ryan Ogilvie, Kelley, LaChance (10pts.) and Ackerlof (8pts.). It [illegible] Westfield has the advantage of being one of the taller teams in the league, which allowed them to go to any numbers of players in the paint.

According to head coach Hiram White, rebounding was one of the keys to the decisive victory over North Adams. He also cites Westfield's effective transition game led by explosive point guard Wendy Kelley (5.3 assists per game), as important factors to Westfield success in recent games.

Coach White is extremely happy with his team's progress thus far, halfway into the league season. "In the sense that young players are improving, yes, I'm satisfied, but I feel that one or two of our early losses may come back to haunt us."

"I have high hopes of being in some kind of post-season tournament — that has been my goal since the beginning of the year."

The Lady Owls face Worcester State tomorrow at 6 p.m. at home.

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Athlete of the Week

This week's athlete of the week is junior basketball player Tessa Chenaille. In her first three starts of the season (and the team's last three wins) Chenaille has averaged 18.3 points and 14.3 rebounds. She was named to the ECAC player of the week honor roll last week, and is currently fourth in the league in rebounds.

Tracksters running strong

By Karen Frawley

Followers of Westfield State's running program recall that the 1987 cross country team traveled to Hope College in Michigan on Nov. 21 to compete in the national cross country championships. The tradition of running excellence at Westfield, however, does not end with the arrival of the winter. The indoor track season is currently in full swing, and those athletes are once again working toward the goal of qualifying for nationals. The difference this season is that nationals will be held a bit closer to home, at Smith College in Northampton, on March 11-12.

Assistant track coach Doug Allen says the team is progressing well so far, six meets into the season. "We hope to get more people qualified for nationals, especially because they're being held at Smith," he said.

"We place more emphasis on the spring track season, so the indoor season becomes a good way to get people ready for the spring, but the indoor season is still very competitive," he said.

Thus far into the season, sophomore triple jumper Miles Woodhouse is the team's sole qualifier for nationals, but according to Allen there will probably be more to follow. The mile relay team, ranked first in NE Div III, needs only to cut a few seconds of their time in order to qualify, and freshman middle distance runner Lance Campbell is also making a strong qualifying bid in the 800 meter race.

Pizza Hut picks Stackpole for 2nd All-American team

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Pizza Hut second team All-American pick Jeff Stackpole, senior tight end for Westfield.

—Sports Information Department

Westfield State tight end Jeff Stackle was a second team pick on the Pizza Hut All America Division III football team which was released two weeks ago.

Stackpole, a 6-4, 230 pound senior from Winchester, Ma., led the Owls to the best record in their six-year football history with 49 receptions for 701 yards and eight touchdowns. The sure handed tight end dominated the Westfield air attack, catching more than half of the team's 87 receptions. He averaged 14.3 yards per receptions and 5.4 catches per game, finishing 21st nationally in the latter category. The Northeastern transfer finished his three career at Westfield with a school record 85 receptions.

"Jeff is very deserving of the honor," said Westfield State head coach Jack Murdock. "He can play with anybody and he's an excellent blocker."

"I think he could be a pro prospect," added the coach. "He has a good makeup and nothing seems to bother him. He has a great desire to play the game and he always seems to find the open area. He's a pleasure to be around and he takes direction very well."

Stackpole is the second Westfield football player to be honored by Pizza Hut. The All America selections are made by a panel of 15 Division III sports information directors. Westfield defensive lineman John Crowley was an All America honorable mention pick in 1985.

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Swim team improving with age

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By Mickey Curits S.I.D.

The Westfield State women's swimming program keeps getting better with age under the capable leadership of Dave Laing, its first and only head coach.

Laing kept several promises last year when he led the Owls to the first winning season — a 4-2 record — in the program's five-year history. Another first for the Lady Owls last year was garnering points at the highly competitive Division III All New Englands.

This season Laing expects to see the same results and more from his ever improving squad of 17 girls.

"We're just going to keep improving on what we've done in the past," said the hard-working coach, "both in the dual meets and the New Englands."

"I do put more emphasis on the New Englands," he added. "We peak for it. Last year we took six girls and the people I take this year are better overall than in the past. Each year we get a couple more good swimmers in and if we get about eight real good swimmers we can do damage at the All New Englands. That's one of my major goals for this program. Another goal for our program is to qualify girls for the nationals."

Two Westfield women have already qualified for the New England Division III championships with school-recordsetting performances in the sesaon opening dual meet, a 67-55 loss to WPI. Junior Mary Fitzgerald (EASTHAMPTON) established new marks in the 200 freestyle, 100 butterfly and 60 butterfly, while sophomore Lori LaMagdelaine, a Westfield High School graduate who transferred from Elms College, set new school records in the 100 backstroke, 200 backstroke, 160 individual medley. Both women were also members of the record-setting 400 medley relay.

"Each year we keep getting better because we bring in a couple more kids," said Laing. "Lori is a strong addition to our team, and I'm already recruiting for next year looking for swimmers like her."

Laing also speaks highly of frosh Kim Weaver (SHELDONVILLE), who set a school record in the 1650 freestyle on Dec. 12; freshman diver Lori Vincent (PITTSFIELD), sophomore breaststroker Robyn Houlihan (WELESLEY), sophomore freestyle-diver Ann Verville (NEW BEDFORD), who owns school standards in the 50 and 200 butterfly; and sophomore Tracy Cooney (WISCASSETT), the school recordholder in two of the freestyle events. Cooney is not with the team this semester, however, as she is studying in France. Laing hopes to have her back next semester for the bulk of the schedule.

"I expect all of these girls to do well and pick up some firsts," said Laing, who is counting on the other members of the squad to provide depth and pick up the all important second and third place points.

The Lady Owls opened up the second half of the 1987-88 season on Jan. 27 against Bridgewater State. The WSC swimmers won by a score of 125-89, improving their record to 2-2 overall.

By the end of the meet against Bridgewater, three Westfield swimmers had notched double wins: Fitzgerald in the 50 and the 100 meter butterfly, LaMagdelaine in the 50 and 100 meter back stroke, and Vincent in the one and three meter diving competition. Fitzgerald, LaMagdelaine, and Vincent, along with junior Kristan Sikora, also made Westfield's winning 200 meter medlay relay team.

The Lady Owls face Connecticut College, on Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. in the final home meet of the season.

Volleyball in rebuilding year

A young and enthusiastic head coach coupled with a rebuilding program. Sounds like the perfect match for the Westfield State men's volleyball team.

With the Owl swimming only five matches in the past two seasons, first-year head coach Mike Bowker doesn't have the added pressure of producing a winner. His coaching skills will get tested, nonetheless, as he attempts to turn around a program on the downslide.

Thus far, he finds his new duties both challenging and exciting.

"I'm really enjoying it," said Bowker, a 1982 University of Massachusetts graduate who coached volleyball at Amherst High School for one year. "The biggest difference is the caliber of competition. Most of the players know and are exposed to the game more, so I can bring it to a higher level than high school."

The most important coaching philosophy Bowker has been stressing to his players is teamwork. Volleyball is a sport where individual talent must blend effectively with the overall team effort.

"I've been very encouraged with the level of individual skills," said Bowker. "The team skills need work but they are coming along as expected. I've seen a lot of potential from the kids but we're going to have to develop some consistency and gain experience with each team match."

With six returning letterman and several talented newcomers, the new head coach predicts his Owls will be competitive. "We have a good complement of power and finesse players," he says, "I'm hoping we can dominate teams with team defense."

Top returnees on the 13-player roster are senior Ian Blanchard, a 5-10 hitter/setter from Westboro; senior Reid Lennertz, a 6-3 hitter from Needham, second junior Sean Campbell, a 5-8 setter from Holyoke.

"Reid is a very strong hitter and sean has excellent setting skills," said Bowker. "and Ian is a double threat as an excellent setter and power hitter."

The trio is backed up by a solid group of returnees which includes junior Dan D'Angelo (LUDLOW), senior Steve Boudrot (UXBRIDGE), senior Peter Kilgore (SHREWSBURY) and sophomore Terrence O'Neil (PLYMOUTH).

On Jan. 28 the volleyball team lost its opening match to Bridgeport by a score of 9-15, 4-15, and 13-15.

The Owls will face Roger Williams and Bridgeport in their next home match, 7 p.m. on Feb. 11.

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Lady Owls extend streak to 6

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By Karen Frawley

Westfield State's women's basketball team avenged two earlier league losses over the past week in wins over conference rivals Bridgewater and Worcester State. The victories bring Westfield's record to 5-3 in the Mass State Conference, 13-5 overall.

The outcome of the Bridgewater game was not decided until the final seconds of play. With 4:00 to go, the Lady Owls found themselves down by 10, which left them with no time to waste. Three minutes and 50 seconds later, thanks to some tough defense, Westfield trailed by only one point, 57-56. With seven seconds remaining, the Lady Owls went to clutch shooter Yvette Davis, who hit a three pointer to put her team up by two. Davis, who had 18 points in the contest, is currently second in the league in scoring with a 19.3 per game average.

With only four seconds to go and the two point Westfield lead, it seemed that the Lady Owls had the game in the bag. However, a mental mistake by a Westfield player, who did not realize that time still remained on the clock, nearly cost them the game when she walked with the ball. Luckily, Bridgewater could not capitalize on the possession and Westfield walked away with the win.

Davis, who thus far this season has been named to the ECAC Player of the Week honor roll twice and was Player of the Week once, credits the Bridgewater win to the team's tenacious defense.

As far as her game winning three pointer is concerned, Davis said, "I didn't know it was going in until it did. I knew we had to shoot fast, so I just shot the ball and boped for the best." In this case, "the best" was the final score of 59-57, Westfield.

The win over Worcester State on Feb. 9 featured a Westfield lead that increased as the game progressed. The Lady Owls, ahead by 7 at the start of the second half, employed the fast break effectively after halftime and ended with a 19 point lead for a final score of 63-44.

The biggest difference between this game and the first time Westfield faced Worcester this season (The Lady Owls lost by two) may have been the presence of junior point guard Wendy Kelley. Kelley, a junior college transfer, brings a fast-breaking style to the point guard position, and she is currently leading the conference in assists with 5.5 per game. Having missed the first game against Worcester, Kelley was a big factor in last week's win, with 11 points (including two back-to-back three pointers), 5 rebounds, and 8 assists.

Newly emerged team star Tessa Chenaille was named to the ECAC honor roll for the second straight week last week. She played a large part in the win over Bridgewater, with 19 points and 12 rebounds. She is currently third in the MASCAC league in rebounding with 8.9 per game, and her per-game scoring average, which has consistently been increasing since the start of the season, is 10.3 points.

After the win over Worcester, sophomore forward Lisa Weinberg talked about the team's next immediate goal, beating MASCAC leader Salem State in a game which took place over the weekend.

"I really think we have a good shot at beating them, if we work well together as a team and play good defense."

In their next home game of the season, the Lady Owls face Fitchburg State at 6pm on Feb. 16.

1988 golf team reaches milestones

The 1987 golf season was an impressive one for Westfield. FIRSTS for the W.S.C. Golf Program:

—E.C.A.C. Championship Individual qualifiers & Team qualifier

—N.C.A.A. Division III Championship Individual qualifiers

—National Ranking according to the Golf Coaches Association of America poll. 1986—1987 14th : 1987—1988 12th

—District Rankings (New England district) 1986—1987 2nd: 1987—88 2nd

—Division III District I All—America selections

—All—New England Team selections

—Representatives in the East—West matches conducted at site of the national championship

—Academic All—American selection

—Division III New England Intercollegiate Fall Champshionship Runners—up

—Division III E.C.A.C. Championship Runners—up

"TOP FINISHES" in the history of the W.S.C. golf program:

—Williams College Invitational —— 3rd

—New England Intercollegiate Fall Championship —— 9th

—E.C.A.C. Southern New England Qualifying —— 4th

—Toski Invitational —— 10th

—E.C.A.C. Championship —— 9th

—Massachusetts Intercollegiate —— 5th

—Salem State Classic —— 3rd

—New England Intercollegiate Spring Champsionship —— 6th

All of the "FIRSTS" and "TOP FINISHES" have occurred in the past two years.

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Westfield's 1988 women's gumnastics team is busy preparing for the 1988 New England Division III Women's Gymnastics Championships to be held on Feb. 20. Last season at the NE champsionships, team member Staci Halcombe placed 21st in the all around competition, while Karen Crosier placed 16th on the balance beam. Top scores this season are as follows: Christine Antosca on vault, 7.65; Staci Halcombe on the uneven bars, 5.2; Antosca on the beam, 6.35; Antosca on the floor exercises, 25.45. The top team score thus far this season for Westfield was 104.40, against Smith College.

Westfield State's swim team has fallen into the habit of smashing school records. The swimmers, led by sixth year head coach David Laing, have established 21 new records as of Feb. 9 this season. Three underclassmen have been heading up the record setting trend, all of them setting new standards in more than one event. Junior Mary Fitzgerald holds records in four butterfly events, the 100 IM and the 200 freestyle. Sophomore Lorri LaMagdelaine also owns six records: three in the backstroke, 200 IM, 100 breastroke and the 160 IM. LaMagdelaine and Fitzgerald also are members of the record—setting 400 medley relay along with Robyn Houihan and Ann Verville. Freshman diver Lori Vincent has set six new diving records this season. Other record performances have been turned in by Kristen Sikora (50 breastroke) and Kim Weaver (1,000 freestyle).

NOTICE: Anyone interested in playing varsity soccer next fall should leave their name in the Athletic Office.

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Athlete of the Week

This week's Athlete of the Week is senior captain Garry Garland. The defenseman has had some outstanding performances throughout the season. Thus far he has scored 10 goals and made 11 assists.

Mickey Curtis S.I.D. photo

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Athletes must study to play

NASHVILLE, TENN. (CPS) — College athletes will be required to earn better grades if they want to compete, the National Collegiate Athletic Association decided at its annual January meeting.

The new rule, sponsored by the policy-making NCAA Council, sets, for the first time, uniform overall grade-point standards for eligibility.

Effective Aug. 1, 1989, athletes will need a 1.6 cumulative grade-point on a 4.0 scale after their first season of competition. After the second season, student-athletes must have 1.8s, and a 2.0 after their third and subsequent seasons.

The NCAA's Division II, composed of colleges that do not offer athletic scholarships, voted to bar members from even considering athletic ability when putting together financial aid packages for students.

Proponents of the new rule successfully argued that some Division III schools give athletes unfair preference when awarding aid. Opponents say athletic ability should be considered in the same light as musical and dramatic talents when packaging financial aid awards.

Other sports reform proposals were less successful at the meeting.

Many members argued that big-time institutions that take home huge bonuses from bowl games and basketball tournaments should be required to share the wealth with their less-fortunate brethren.

Men bounce back; . . . whip Worcester . . .

By Karen Frawley

After losing to Bridgewater State by a score of 79—72, Westfield State men's basketball team bounced back to dominate conference rival Worcester State. It was a game that was close only when the scoreboard read 0—0.

Earlier in the season, Worcester beat the Owls by 12 points, which gave Westfield good reason for revenge. In the more recent game on Feb. 9, Westfield jumped out to a 21 point halftime lead and never looked back.

Unlike other games in which one or two Westfield players did much of the scoring, the Worcester victory featured a very balanced scoring attack.

Sophomore Dave Bushell and junior captain Bryan Gilmer led the scoring on both sides with 14 points a piece. Gilmer is sixth in the league in scoring with a 16.2 per game average, and his per game rebounding average stands at 7.7.

Rich Jones and Chris Montemayer had 8 points each. The much improved Jones pulled in 7 boards to lead all rebounders.

Sophomore Jim Bruno had a quiet 7 points on the night. Bruno is the league's leading scorer (23.6ppg) and he is currently tied for second in the nation in three point field goals made (4.0).

The Owls got off to a fast start in the game under the direction of junior transfer Kendall May, who pushed the ball up the court effectively for Westfield.

The starters put their night's work in early in the blow—out, and an alert Westfield fan might have questioned how the Owls had ever lost a game to the hapless Worcester team. In any case, the visiting Worcester players found themselves virtually out of it (42—21) by half time.

The second half was not much better for Worcester, which shot a woeful 37% from the field in the game. (Westfield shot a more respectable 50%.) The last ten minutes of the game were pure garbage time, and the multitude of will shots and turnovers on both sides prompted one fan to comment, "This is ugly basketball!"

The run and gun fast break style of play, so typical in the final minutes of [illegible] basketball, but it gave the fans a look at some of Westfield's seldom—used players.

Two of Westfield's players benefiting from the Owl's large lead were Jay Wasley and Mike Martin, both freshmen forwards who came off the bench to score 6 and 5 points respectively.

Westfield ended its league record to a 4—4 in the conference, 5—13 overall, with the victory. The team has won four of its last six starts and will face Fitchburg State at BPM on February 16th in its next home game.

Athletic Task Force seeks student views

The Special Athletic Task Force to the President met Jan. 27. The proposed fiscal year 1988-89 budget was discussed along with the $25 increase in the athletic fee.

Most of the money will go to "fixed" costs, such as permanent personnel, officials, transportation, and insurance, the remainder will go to "operating" cost, such as meals, equipment, fees and coaches salaries.

The Task Force is addressing several different aspects of the athletic program at WSC, including personnel and staff; programs and structure; facilities and equipment; support services; and budget needs and priorities.

This council hopes to find the problems within the system and to go about taking steps to improve them.

We on the task force would like to know the opinions and perspectives of the students of WSC about their own programs as well as the entire athletic program. We believe that this input will contribute to a great deal of improvement in the entire athletic program at WSC.

If anyone has any ideas, opinions, comments, questions or feels that he-she could be helpful in any way to this committee, do not hesitate to contact student rep. Anne Webster, box 1287, or Vaughn Hill, asst. chair to the committee, care of the math department.

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The Owl Scoreboard

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

WSC 72	Bridgewater 75
WSC 86	Worcester 54

Next Home Game: Feb. 16, 8pm, VS Fitchburg

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

WSC 59	Bridgewater 57
WSC 63	Worcester 44

Next Home Game: Feb. 16, 6pm, vs Fitchburg

HOCKEY

WSC 5	Norwich 11

Next Home Game: Feb. 18, 7:30pm, vs Framingham

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

WSC 0	New Paltz 2
WSC 2	WNEC 0
WSC 0	Sacred Heart 2

Next Home Game: March 1, 7pm, vs WNEC

WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS

WSC 104.40	Connecticut 146.50
	Smith 89.90

Next Home Meet: Feb. 17, 7pm, vs Albany

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

WSC 123	Salem 73
WSC 85	Conn College 123

WSC fares well in championships

FEB. 1988

By Doug Allen

Eight hundred meter runner Paul Murphy qualified for the New England Championships and distance runner Steve Gaebel ran a personal best in the latest indoor track meet on Feb. 6. The latest competition for the men's indoor track team brought the runners to Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island. Other schools competing in the meet included, U-Mass Amherst, U-Mass Boston, Providence College, Bentley College, Lowell, and the host school, Brown University. There was no team scoring at the meet, but Westfield fared well over all.

Murphy, a senior physical education major who is currently student teaching in Agawam, won the 800 meters in a time of 1:55.8. This time qualified him for the New England Championships at Boston University and brings him closer to qualifying for the Division III Nationals to be held at Smith College in March.

Along with Murphy, the New England Championships will include Westfield runners, Pete Mole in the 55 meter dash, Lance Campbell in the 800 meters, Miles Woodhouse in the triple jump and the 4x400 meter relay.

Gaebel, a junior physical education major, finished the 3,000 meter race in a personal best time of 8:40.4. This time qualified Gaebel for the Eastern Championships which were held this past weekend (Feb. 13) at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT.

Other Westfield athletes who garnered first place finishes were Victor Gilmer (55 M high hurdles) and Peter Mole (400M). High finishes included Andy Fronczak (2nd Shotput, 3rd lb. weight), Jim Forrest (3rd high jump), John Desforge (3rd: 400M), Glen Kasperian (4th shotput and 35 lb weight), and Chris Kiatos (4th - 5,000M).

The next meet will be this weekend at the New England III Championships to be held at MIT in Cambridge. Competing in this meet will be Curtis Alston, Jeff Cahill, Lance Campbell, John Desforge, Jim Forrest, Andy Fronczak, Steve Gaebel, Victor Gilmer, Glenn Kasparian, Pete Mole, Paul Murphy, and Miles Woodhouse.

Remaining meets for the Owls will be the New England Championships at BU on February 26-27, and the National Championships at Smith College on March 11-12.

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Davis, Bryan Foster, Kendall May, Chris Montemayer, Dave Bushell, Rodney Smith. Second row, left to right: Coach Bob Lawless, Mike Martin, Bryan Gilmer, Jay Hanley, Keith Bixby, Rich Jones, Bill Fallon, Kevin Cass, Kevin Curry, assistant coach Chris Petrides.

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The Owl Scoreboard

MEN'S BASKETBALL

WSC 77	Framingham 72
WSC 84	North Adams 83

next home game: Feb. 9 at 8 pm vs. Worcester

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

WSC 68	Framingham 64
WSC 77	North Adams 50

next home game: Feb. 9 at 6 pm vs Worcester

HOCKEY

WSC 5	Worcester 8
WSC 4	North Adams 11

next home game: Feb. 11 at 7:30 vs New England College

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

WSC 0	Bridgeport 3
WSC 0	WNEC 2

next home game: Feb. 11 at 7 pm vs. Roger Williams

WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS

WSC 103.90	Hunter College 116.1
RIC 121.3	

next home match: Feb. 13 at 1 pm vs. Bridgewater

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

WSC 129	Bridgewater 89
WSC 131	U-Mass, Boston 61

next home meet: Feb. 10 at 7 pm vs. Connecticut College

Diamond opening date in question

FEB. 1988

By Eric Martin

The new athletic field, a $400,000 project which began in the summer of 1986, is virtually complete and ready to go, according to its supervising official, Vice President of Academic Affairs Garreth Lynch.

According to Lynch, there are only a few minor details left on the baseball diamond before the entire facility is "set to play on."

The facility, which consists of a baseball diamond, tennis courts, and a softball diamond, as well as intramural fields, was initially due this past November.

"It is 95 percent all set," Lynch said, "but Mr. Kane (the contractor of the facility) and I want it to be as perfect as can be done before we turn it over to the students."

The minor details Lynch spoke of consist of getting the ares in the infield "clearly and artistically defined," having each baseline cleared and sodded, and fixing the soil in the outerfield area, as well as solidifying the left field areas, which, according to Lynch, "tend to be a bit mushy."

For the diamond, which is part of the five acre facility, hasn't pleased the director of the athletic department, Paul Bogan.

"There is no way that diamond will be ready for the spring," Bogan said, "as a matter of fact, I don't see us getting on there at all this year."

But Lynch, who is in charge of at least 28 other campus projects, insists the project is right on schedule.

"The project is not overdue. A frost at the end of 1986 delayed it slightly," Lynch said, "but it's virtually there."

Lynch said that the tennis courts received first priority due to their location near the on-going dining commons project, and that the baseball field was sodded last May, because "new fields must grow a year before being played."

Lynch said ideally the field would be played on in May, but it will be ready for the Owls first home game, which is March 31 vs. Nichols.

"You need one year of winter to see the effects of the 'winter kill,', anyway," Lynch said.

"I'll make a prediction," Lynch said, "I say it will only take 15 more working days until that field is ready."

"That's impossible," Bogan said, "There is no way that it will be ready for the spring with the amount of work those guys have to do. Those little items take a lot of time."

When asked what the baseball team will do if the field is not ready, Bogan replied, "We will have to play at another facility or have all our games on the road."

Lynch was adamant in his stand, saying, "I assure you the field will be ready. All we want is the field to be the best, because the students deserve the best."

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1987-1988 Westfield State hockey team. The icemen are in the midst of a rebuilding season, with a 1-17 overall record. (WSC photo)

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Laviolette represents WSC in Olympics

By MICKEY CURTIS

Peter Laviolette, a 1986 Westfield State graduate, is going for the gold at the Winter Olympics in Calgary.

Laviolette, a rugged defenseman on the United States' high-scoring ice hockey team, has been one of the success stories on the 1988 winter games as he chases his dream of winning an Olympic medal.

The 23-year-old Franklin, Ma., native has made good copy for the national and international press because he is the only player from a Division III college on the team.

What makes this Olympian story even more special is that Laviolette was the star player on the WSC team that posted a lowly 3-19 record his senior year.

ABC sports announcer Al Michaels noted that fact, in the United States' opening game when speaking of Laviolette from "tiny Westfield State."

Laviolette also has received good exposure in USA Today, the Washington Times, Boston Globe and Springfield Union-News. U.S. Olympic hockey coach Dave Peterson says he deserves every bit of the recognition.

Peter Laviolette

"Peter's a strong penalty killer and he's made a lot of progress since coming to us," Peterson said. "He's a hard worker who listens well."

Laviolette came to Team USA from the International Hockey League where he played for the Indianapolis Checkers. In 78 games last year, the 6 foot, 2 inch, 198 pounder had 10 goals and 23 assists.

After his one-year contract ran out with the IHL club, he signed a three-year contract with the New York Rangers, who reportedly gave him a large signing bonus.

The NHL club is also high on the former Fighting Owl, and recommended Laviolette to the U.S. hockey coach.

"We think a lot of him, or we wouldn't have given him a three-year contract," said Jack Ferreira, director of player development for the New York Rangers.

"He plays very physically, but he knows his limitations, and he doesn't overplay his position. He has good hockey sense," Ferreira said. "I've seen him play a lot and he gets better and better.

"In fact, if he has a fairly good showing in the Olympics, he could get a shot in New York right away. It will depend upon how our team is doing at the time," he added.

Even if he doesn't win an Olympic medal, WSC's Peter Laviolette can chase another dream when he comes home — to play in the NHL.

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Westfield State's shooting star

By Mickey Curtis, SID

Shooting a round ball into a basket the size of a basket looks simple enough but it's not; just ask the novices who clang the bricks off the rim at their weekend games, or the NBA star who can only make 50 percent of his free throws. That's why when someone can fill the basket with regularity people take notice, and right now there is one Westfield State player who has mastered the art of shooting hoops well enough to earn recognition on the national level.

Jim Bruno, a stocky 5-10 sophomore from Southwick, is Westfield's State shooting star. Bruno's specialty is the three-point shot, and he's averaging four field goals per game from that range, the fourth best average in the latest NCAA Division III rankings. And those three-pointers, which account for more than half of his field goals, have helped to boost his scoring average to more than 24 points per game, placing him in the top 15 in the nation in that category.

Like most outstanding shooters, Bruno attributes his knack for shooting to the long and solitary hours he spent on the playground courts. Bruno first began perfecting his shooting skills during his junior high school years in nearby Southwick.

"When you're by yourself in the summer you can't play any games so you have to work on your shooting or dribbling and shooting is more fun," Bruno said. "I would start out at 15 feet and when I made them consistently, I would go to 18 feet, then 19 feet."

Bruno's hard work on the hardcourt during his summers in Southwick paid off in points, and plenty of them. He was a three- year starter at Southwick High School and is currently the school's all-time scoring leader with 1,119 points. He's also filled the basket for the past three years, one at Wilbraham Monson prep school and the past two at Westfield State. He earned a starting berth early in his freshman year at Westfield and averaged 13 points while canning 44 of 100 three-point attempts.

Sophomore basketball player Jim Bruno.

What makes Bruno's statistics even more impressive is that he only averages 14 shots a game, a fairly low number for a high scoring player. One game this season he took 14 shots in scoring 36 points.

"We've tried to get him to shoot more," said Lawless. "He's a very unselfish player. In high school I had to beg him to shoot more."

Lawless believes that Bruno has finally learned and accepted his role at Westfield. Because of the Owls' youth and inexperience, Bruno was called upon to carry much of the scoring load early this season. And the quiet backcourt bomber responded in explosive fashion against some of the best Division III schools in the country.

In the season opener against Southeastern Massachusetts, the top-ranked team in the preseason polls, Bruno scorched the nets for 30 points and eight three pointers. He hit for 29 points and four three-pointers against Jersey City, another highly rated club, and popped in 36 points and seven "triples" versus Mass State leader Salem.

You could even call him a Bernie Kosar in a basketball uniform because he uses his brains as much as his athletic talent to beat an opponent. Bruno is always aware of where he's at on the court and seldom takes a shot beyond 20 feet as he rings up one three-pointer after another.

"I know where I am, especially against a zone.", said Bruno, explaining how he gets up for his deadly shot just beyond the 19-foot, 9-inch three-point arc. "But if a zone extends itself I'll go out to 21 or 22 feet if I have to."

Bruno also has a potent inside game despite his lack of height. Countless times this season he's gotten free underneath to score off missed shots. And he has Larry Bird's famous fallaway shot almost perfected. Watching Bruno play the game he resembles the Celtic god in many ways.

"I don't want to say I emulate Bird but I do watch closely what he does in games and then I'll try the same things," Bruno said.

"He draws fouls well and always has a purpose when he shoots," said Lawless. "I don't think I've ever seen him take a bad shot."

Lawless lists a few more reasons why he thinks Bruno is the NCAA Division III's version of a 5-10 Larry Bird.

"Jim has worked very hard--not only on his shooting but on his dribbling and other areas of the game;-to be fundamentally sound because of a lack of talent and foot speed," said "He's played the game a long time and his father has been a big influence on him.

"He's a very coachable kid and is very close to being a coach on the floor. He has very good court sense and understands the game very, very well. He is constantly thinking and understands and anticipates what has to be done in a close game."

Ironically, the only thing Bruno doesn't do by the textbook is shoot properly. He has an unorthodox release but his strong wrist action catapults the ball into the hoop more often than not.

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"I looked forward to it (the three-point shot) and thought I could hit one some playing time," Bruno said.

Bruno also had a head coach, one with the right connections, who was aware that he had an emerging shooting star in the collegiate ranks. Bob Lawless took over the head coaching duties at Westfield State last year, coming from Southwick where he had coached Bruno for four years.

"The comment the kids made here last year was 'this kid is not going to make the team is he?'" Lawless says with a smile. "But after they saw him play, they all wanted him to shoot."

Lawless, who goes on record without hesitation as saying Bruno is the best shooter he's coached in 17 years, has a simple reason for Bruno's shooting success.

"He shoots well because he lives in the gym," said the coach. "Anytime he thinks his shooting is not up to par he spends extra time working on it.

"He's constantly works at the same," continued the coach. "Sometimes I'll see him in the gym working on new shooting skills five or seven weeks before he'll even considering using them in a game."

Bruno's biggest scoring outbursts came following a drubbing by Western Connecticut in which he was held scoreless, the only time this season he didn't make double figures. He fired in 39 points and seven three-pointers against Western New England and bettered that with a 40-point, eight three-pointers explosion at Roser Williams.

"I feel that I should make every shot that I shoot even though that's impossible," said Bruno, who is satisfied with his overall field goal shooting percent (53 percent) and three-point percentage (52).

"As our scoring becomes more balanced his scoring average will go down, but Jimmy will gladly give up the scooring," said Lawless. "He's very team-oriented and will dish it to get the W's (wins)."

Like most gym rats, Bruno makes the most of his limited athletic abilities, which, despite his shooting prowess, probably wouldn't be good enough to make him a starter on the Division II level. A first glance at him and you envision the type of player that was on the court when Dr. Naismith invented the game almost 100 years ago in nearby Springfield.

"We tried to get him to change his shooting motion when he was in junior high but we decided not to mess with it," said Lawless.

A stickler for statistics and perfection, Bruno is constantly looking for ways to better his all-around game. And that includes improving his play within the team framework. Looking at the stat sheet from the recent victory over rival North Adams State, in which he and teammate Bryan Gilmer both scored 20 and promising sophomore center Rich Jones had 14, Bruno said, "that's what we need, more balance. You can't win with just outside shooters. We've gotten better since the beginning of the season but we still got to be more consistent. It will be interesting to see what happens the rest of the season."

Thus far, it's been a tough campaign for Bruno and the 5-13 Owls, who dropped 10 of their first 11 games. Bruno began the season wearing a facemask to protect a broken nose and is now playing with a nagging hamstring injury that's going to require extensive off-season therapy.

But in this injury-plagued and learning season, Westfield State's shooting star has shone brightly in both victory and defeat.

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WSC routs Fitchburg

by MIKE HANLEY
Correspondent

The wins haven't come easily for Westfield State's men's basketball team this year, but give the guys in white and gold an opponent with some warts and 21 games (Fitchburg State) and the Owls look like world-beaters.

The game films of Westfield's 93-59 win over the visiting Falcons could appropriately be titled "The Anatomy of a Massacre." The Owls did everything right in cruising to a win that was all but locked up by the first half intermission. Fitchburg, on the other hand, had problems with two small basketball fundamentals, offense and defense.

The most telling statistic of the game was the fact that the Falcons shooting a horrendous 28% from the field in the second half didn't actually hurt them. They had already lost the game in the first 20 minutes.

Westfield's three-point king, sophomore guard Jim Bruno, erased what would be Fitchburg's biggest lead of the game (2-0) when he connected for three to give the Owls a 3-2 lead early. The teams traded baskets for the first five minutes in what had been a close game.

Then Bruno decided it was time to go to work. The sharp-shooting guard plied his trade from beyond the three-point line. What had been a close game, turned into a 22-14 Owl lead. Bruno hit for three three's in a span of 2:35. Meanwhile, junior Bryan Gilmer found it as easy to score from the inside. When he converted a pass from Bruno for a lay-up, the Owls had stretched the lead to 31-20 with 9:03 left in the half.

The Owl offense was in high gear, pushing the ball up the floor. Bruno hit for his fifth three of the game to make it 49-32. The Owls had their biggest lead of the game and it was slipping away for the Falcons.

As if he hadn't been impressive enough from 19 feet (three point range) Bruno came home from 26 feet to end the first half. Though it didn't count, it served notice to Fitchburg that there was more to come in the second half.

Rich Carlson, Fitchburg's 6'8" center was the only thing standing between Westfield and a blowout. The Falcon junior had 13 points in the first half. While he wasn't keeping Fitchburg close, well, at least he was scoring some points for the Falcons.

The Owl defense shut Carlson down in the second half, holding him to only two points, and the rout was on.

Gilmore continued to swoop, leap, and generally outhustle the Falcon defense. When he ran around the Fitchburg defense for a reverse lay-up, he had his 18th point of the game and the Westfield lead had gone to 27 points with 9:30 left to play.

Owl coach Bob Lawless mercifully took out his starters with 8:00 left but the points kept coming. Freshman Jay Hanley upped the Westfield lead to 30 (77-47) with a jumper. Two minutes later it was 36 points, and when Rodney Smith did his Jim Bruno imitation hitting for three, the lead had reached 40.

Coach Lawless explained Westfield's up-tempo game this way: "We aren't good enough to play a half court offense." He praised junior Victor Davis for his defense. "Victor has really accepted his role as a defense guard on this team." "We've finally started to get a set line-up, and I think that goes hand in hand with our success lately."

Gilmer led all scores with 22 points. Bruno was 5-7 from three-point range and had 21 points. The Owls now stand at 5-5 in MASCAC and 6-14 overall.

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Women's hoop takes two in blowouts

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By KAREN FRAWLEY

Westfield State's women's basketball team went 2-1 last week in games that were all won or lost by a wide margin. On Feb. 13 against conference leader Salem State, the Lady Owls came up short in their quest to repeat the last-second miracle victory they pulled off last year against that team.

This year, Westfield kept things close throughout the first half, and were within five points at halftime, but by the end of the game they found themselves down by 15 for a final score of 85-70. The 20-2 Salem team pulled ahead of Westfield with some hot shooting from outside and their perennially tough inside game. The major offensive output for Westfield came from senior star Yvette Davis, who had 25 points in the contest and was once again named to the ECAC Player of the Week honor roll.

There was no such thing as rest for the weary for the lady hoopsters last week. The day after the loss to Salem, Westfield took to the court once again, in a non-conference game against WNEC. This time, Westfield reminded themselves of how it feels to be on the other side of a blowout, and a blowout it was, with the home team dominating both ends of the court. Final score: Westfield, 79, WNEC, 50.

Once again, the Lady Owls looked to Davis to shoulder the brunt of the scoring load, and she came through with 20 points to lead the team. Playing without the services of starting junior point guard Wendy Kelley, Westfield had to rely on others to handle the ball. Not only did the reserve guards Laurel Ainslie and Pat Price turn in some decent ballhandling, they also combined for five assists, five rebounds, and 13 points. Reserve forward Lisa Weinberg also had an excellent night, scoring 10 points on five for seven shooting and yanking 10 rebounds.

On Feb. 16, in another home-court blowout, Westfield upped its winning percentage to seven of the last eight games. The latest team to fall was Fitchburg State, which had a league record of 2-7 to go along with its overall record of 7-15. The Lady Owls defeated Fitchburg by a score of 70-47.

Head coach Hilton White attributes the recent success of his team to its solid inside play, its tough defense, and the fact that reserve players are "starting to play up to their potential," and of course because "Yvette (leading scorer Davis) is still playing like Yvette."

But most of all, White passes the credit along to his "lucky tie," a blue and orange neck piece that he has been wearing since the Lady Owls came off three straight league losses to beat Fitchburg eight games ago on Jan. 23.

"Even if it looks terrible, I still have to go on wearing it, because I know we will keep winning if I do," White said, flashing a big grin.

In the team's latest victory over Fitchburg, assists were the name of the game. Westfield had a total of 28 field goals in the contest, and an unprecedented 25 of them were assisted. Wendy Kelley was back in action and had nine of those assists in addition to 14 points, resulting from four three pointers and two free throws. Davis maintained her scoring average with 20 points on smooth outside shooting.

Team captain Kelly LaChance had eight points and seven rebounds in the contest while Felicia Byers pulled down seven boards.

Westfield's record now stands at 6-4 in the MASCAC league, 15-6 overall. In order to keep their hopes of contending for a postseason playoff berth alive, the Lady Owls need to win their three remaining games, against Pine Manor College, Framingham State and North Adams State.

The first of those remaining games, against Pine Manor, took place on Friday night at home and featured Pine Manor star and the nation's leading scorer Catie Cleary.

As of the Wednesday before the game, Coach White had not yet decided how he would have his team defend against the Pine Manor scoring machine.

"Right now I'm just taking things game by game, and not trying to look ahead too much, but I think, given the fact that we have improved so much recently, that we'll do a good job of defending that girl," White said.

Junior forward Felicia Byers said, "You win a game by playing good defense and hustling, and with a strong team effort we should be able to take our last three games, no matter who those teams have playing for them,"

This week's Athlete of the Week is junior basketball captain Bryan Gilmer. The 6-4 forward from Dorchester had 22 points and eight rebounds in the team's recent victory over Fitchburg State. He is currently sixth in the league in both scoring (16.7 ppg) and rebounding (7.1 per game).

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The world according to Gravel

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By BRIAN HANLEY

The first thing one notices when entering the office is the mess. Shelves cluttered with books. The walls covered with team photos, plaques and All-American certificates. The floor is littered with equipment bags, uniforms and running shoes. The desk is somewhere under a mound of paperwork.

If the size of the mess in a coach's office is a way of measuring his success, then Gerry Gravel's office speaks for itself.

Gravel, head track coach at Westfield State College, developed the track program at the school that in 19 years has produced 95 national qualifiers and 17 All-Americans.

Gravel's career at WSC began in 1969. At the time, Westfield had only a club cross-country team that had been formed a year earlier. Gravel left his job as assistant coach at Boston State to develop a track program at Westfield.

The first year was not easy, Gravel said. He limited his recruiting to people on campus who had previous track experience. The next year he began sending out letters and making telephone calls to high school seniors who were potential runners.

His first real success as a coach came in 1972, when the cross-country became the New England State College Conference champ-

Gerry Gravel, Westfield State's successful track coach. (WSC photo)

ions, quite an accomplishment for a program that was only four years old.

That same year, Gravel also had his first national qualifier, as Jim Tierney qualified for the NCAA championships in the 400 meter hurdles.

Gravel's most successful year as coach was 1980. That year the outdoor track team was New England Division III champions and had 14 national qualifiers. His most recent accomplishment was this past fall, when the cross country team made it to the national championship meet for the first time.

Gravel, famed for his wild, off-the-wall humor, is also an avid cyclist who sometimes rides along with his team on long runs and tortures them with his bad jokes. A former runner, Gravel competed in the hurdles and mile relay both in high school and as a student at UMass-Amherst.

Gravel said that he had no regrets about his coaching career and would not change a thing, although he joked about coaching basketball instead and moving to California to avoid snow and ice. His advice to a first-year coach would be to concentrate on championship meets and to stress individual development rather than team victories.

"Once you've maximized individual potential, you have a winning team," said Gravel. "Individual potential counts, along with having fun."

Gravel also gives the same advice to high school seniors about coming to WSC.

"I tell them that it's a good school academically, that it's in a good location, that there are many courses to run on, and plus the program itself," Gravel said.

"Because we participate in invitational meets, we provide the opportunity for individuals to improve."

Westfield State's volleyball team with a 3-6 record. (WSC photo)

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5-ON-5 BASKETBALL '88

G-Spots	7-1
Maxtrax	7-2
No Names	7-3
Excel	6-2
Faculty	6-3
Quiffers	5-3
Beastie Boys	4-4
P. Necklace	2-1
P. Flaps	3-4
Attack Vehicle	3-5
Urban Ed.	2-4
Team F.U.2	2-6
Jays	1-6
Master Blasters	1-8
House Masters	0-5

Men's Standings Thru 2/17

DIVISION I	NORTH
TEAM	RECORD
A. Feet	3-1
P. Necklace	2-0
Soviets	2-2
Team Bako	2-2
Mahra	1-2
Rebels	0-3

DIVISION I	SOUTH
TEAM	RECORD
G-Spots	3-1
Wolverines	3-1
Maxtrax	3-2
Gunners	2-2
Drillers	1-3
Excel	0-2
Motorcs	0-2

DIVISION II	EAST
TEAM	RECORD
Corona's	5-0
Hoosier's	4-1
Volleyers	3-2
Faculty	2-0
L. Place	2-2
Trojans	2-3
Slobs	1-2
P. Flaps	1-3
Zog	1-4
S. Batch	1-5

DIVISION II	WEST
Soaks	5-0
F. Fish	4-0
Jays	4-2
P. Shamrocks	4-2
Dawgs	3-1
Quiffers	2-4
Slugs	1-1
No Names	1-4
Rockets	0-5
A. Vehicle	1-5

WOMEN'S

H. Dubas	5-0
F. Shock	3-2
Spanky's	2-3
Keggers	0-5

BOWLING '88 STANDINGS

P. Shamrocks	18 pts.
Soviets	17 pts.
G-Spot	15 pts.
Flam. A's	14 pts.
B. Bros.	13 pts.
Volleyers	12 pts.
Dogs	10 pts.
P. Flaps	10 pts.
A. Feet	9 pts.
Rebels	4 pts.
Bako	2 pts.
Dawgs	1pt.
Land Friends	0 pts.
Zog	0 pts.

WATER POLO '88 STANDINGS

ATLANTIC

TEAM	RECORD
G-Spots	3-0
Drillers	2-0
P. Flaps	2-1
B. Bros.	2-3
Team Bako	1-3
Dipsticks	0-3

PACIFIC

Subs	2-1
Rebels	2-1
Soviets	1-0
P. Shamrocks	2-2
MD USA	0-3

Track team ending season, looking toward nationals

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The Westfield State men's track team finished sixth (31 pts.) at the Feb. 20 New England Division III championships held at MIT in Cambridge.

Leading the Owls in the meet were Victor Gilmer (2nd place-55m hurdles), Paul Murphy (2nd-800m) and Lance Campbell (3rd-800m). Top teams in the meet were MIT (102 pts.), Tufts (64 pts.) and Bates College (58 pts.)

Gilmer took second place in the hurdles, which was spectacular since he is on the comeback from serious knee surgery. In 1985 and 1986 (before the surgery) he was the NE III indoor hurdles champion.

He also held the meet record (7.72 seconds), which was broken by the 1988 champion Sean Garrett of MIT (7.69 seconds).

Westfield nearly went 1-2 in the 800 meter race. Lance Campbell and Paul Murphy were two of the top seeds in the field, and both ran well enough in the trials to make it into the finals.

In the finals, it was looking good for Westfield until Mark Thompson of Bates came from nowhere to take the 800m title. Murphy was able to finish second, while Campbell was right on his heels, finishing third.

Other Westfield athletes who placed in the meet were Miles Woodhouse, John Desforge, Campbell and Murphy (4th in 3:25:06), Woodhouse (5th-triple jump), Jim Forrest (5th-long jump) and Peter Mole (5th-55m).

This past weekend, Westfield was represented at the All-New England Championships by Desforge, Gilmer, Campbell, Murphy, Mole and Woodhouse.

The national championships will be conducted at nearby Smith College in Northampton on March 11 and 12.

Volleyball looks to improve in rebuilding year

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—Sports Information Dept—

The Westfield State men's volleyball team is learning how to win as they suffer through some frustrating losses during their rebuilding season.

The Owl spikers had posted a 4-11 as of last Wednesday, with four of their losses coming against conference opponents in the Roger Williams Tournament. The [illegible] defeated Western New England College, 15-3, 15-13, for the third time this season in the tournament, while losing top Darthmouth (11-13, 4-15), Springfield (3-15, 6-15), Wentworth (16-18, 6-15) and Roger Williams (8-15, 6-15).

First-year head coach Mike Bowker says progress has been made in all areas of the game. He commented from his club, particularly in the mental aspect of its game.

"The guys are getting better but mental lapses and lack of concentration have been hurting us in several games," he said. "We had games we should have won but played sensless and tried to protect the leads we had.

"I attribute this to a lack of experience. We try to hold back because we're afraid of losing and because of this we become more cautious."

Top hitters for the Owls have been captains Ried Lennertz and Ian Blanchard. Lennertz, a 6-3 senior, was named to the all tournament team at Roger Williams. Blanchard, a 5-10 senior, was a vote or two shy of being voted to the all-tourney team.

"Those two have been playing well along with Steve Boudrot," said Bowker.

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Successful season may reap playoff reward

Westfield State Women's Basketball Team. From left to right: Front Cheryl Ellis, Yvette Davis, Kristine Lord-Fitz, Lisa Tremblay, Nikole Ryan, Tessa Chenaille, Kathy LaChance, Missy Fleury, Cathy Martin, Deb Bowman, Laurel Gosbee, Wendy Kelly, Lenore Moore, Pat Price, Coach Hilton White. The team's record is 17-6, and they are looking toward post-season play. (WSC photo)

By [illegible]

Westfield State [illegible] Lady Owls [illegible] post-season play, but the decision will not be made until [illegible] after the completion of the season.

White said that the selection committee for tournament action would depend on "teams to be selected and how we fare. I don't [illegible] make it ahead of us."

If the Owls do receive a post-season play, a key factor will be [illegible] Yvette Davis, who was named ECAC Player of the Week last week for the second time this season.

[illegible] high in the Sw'N win over Pine Manor with 33 points and she proved that she is not just a one-shot wonder in the 70-63 win over Framingham with her 16 points, 11 assists, 7 rebounds, and 4 steals.

In addition to being named ECAC Player of the Week, Davis also [illegible] for most points scored in a season. With the 33 points she scored in the Pine Manor game, Davis surpassed the record set by WSC standout Beth Hennessey, who had set the mark of 421 points in the 1984-85 season. Davis now has 462 points on the season, and is currently averaging 20.5 ppg to lead the team and good for second in the MASCAC league.

Last week proved to be a banner week for the Lady Owls in terms of [illegible] records. Point guard Wendy Kelley set a single game mark of [illegible] in the Pine Manor game. She also smashed the record of 86 set by Davis last year and with one game [illegible] to go, Kelley has [illegible] 124 steals.

Going into the game with Pine Manor, Westfield knew they would have to find a way to stop Lenore Cleary, the Pine Manor star who [illegible] a 20.3 per game average.

[illegible] say that they were successful in stopping Cleary from scoring, but the Owl defense did manage to contain her down the stretch well enough to come away with the win.

The game featured a four minute stretch during which Pine Manor's Cleary scored 17 points including [illegible] defender right in her face.

Some of the credit for the victory must go to senior guard Laurel Gosbee for who was handed the unenviable task of defending Cleary. Except for the four minute stretch [illegible] did a good job of containing Cleary and chipped in with 13 points of her own.

In the more recent victory over Framingham, the last home game for [illegible] and Davis, the leading scorer was forward Tessa Chenaille with 22 points.

Davis added 16 points to go along with her other impressive statistics, while Wendy Kelley went 2-4 from three point and on her way to her 11 point total.

Lenore Jenkins continued her [illegible] dominance of the boards, and had 10 in the Framingham game. Chenaille, the team's leading rebounder, pulled in 12 in the win.

In a post-game interview with Coach White, he commented on the fact that junior point guard Pat Price is leaving the team for personal reasons and will to be available for [illegible] post-season play.

"Pat was a real asset to the team, and we will miss her both on and off the court," he said.

As for the rest of the team, he said, "I think the girls have been steadily improving all season, and I feel that I now have nine solid players. We deserve to see post-season play."

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Athletes of the Week

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Mary Fitzgerald

Lori Vincent

Lorri LaMagdelaine

This week we have three outstanding athletes, all of them members of the Westfield swim team. Each of these three swimmers touched double wins in the team's recent 129-87 win over Bridgewater. Left to right, they are junior Mary Fitzgerald who broke the records in the 50 and 100 meter butterfly, freshman diver Lori Vincent in the one and three meter diving competition, and sophomore Lorri LaMagdelaine, who set records in the 50 and 100 meter butterfly. The swimmers competed last weekend in the New England Championships at Bowdoin.

Two overtime shootouts for Owls

By MICKEY CURTIS, S.I.D.

The Westfield State Owls gave it their best shot as they battled back from large deficits in exciting overtimes games at the Holyoke rink during the final two weeks of the season.

The Owls dropped a heartbreaking 8-7 overtime decision to Wesleyan after overcoming a 7-3 deficit early in the third period. A balanced attack paved the way to the comeback, as Billy Ferreira, Steve Pacific, Kevin Craig and Tim Morgan scored goals in the final 18 minutes of regulation. Morgan's game-tying goal, on assists from Brian Lincoln and Scott O'Brien, came with 1:33 left in regulation.

Westfield appeared to have Old Mo momentum on its side in the final moments of the game as it continually attacked the Wesleyan net with a barrage of shots, but Wesleyan flipped in a breakaway goal at the 2:43 mark of the overtime to clinch the win.

"The kids hung tough and did a good job of coming back, but, like all season, I guess it just wasn't meant to be that we would win," said first-year coach Bob Badone.

Senior standouts Don Palmer and John Krim turned in fine games, totalling three points apiece, in their final home game of their collegiate careers. Palmer, who led the team with 34 points (13 goals, 21 assists) heading into last Wednesday's season finale at Fitchburg, recorded two goals and one assist. Krim had three assists.

Senior Garry Garland, second on the team with 228 points, fired in one goal, while Ferreira and O'Brien both had one goal and two assists. Kevin Craig totaled three assists to up his season point total to 16. Ferreira has 23 points (8 goals, 15 assists).

Two weeks ago the Owls erased an early 5-0 deficit in a 9-9 shootout with MASCAC opponent Framingham. The Owls scored three goals in the second period and six goals in the third stanza, and took a 9-8 lead with 10:29 left in the game on Kevin Craig's fourth goal of the game. Framingham tied the score two minutes later, however, on a power play goal. Both teams then stiffened their defenses over the final 13 minutes, including the 10-minute overtime, as there was no more scoring and very few scoring opportunities.

"That's a game I felt we should have won," Badone said. "We just got off to a slow start."

Craig also assisted in one goal to finish with five points. Palmer (3 goals, 4 assists), Garland (6 assists) and Ferreira (1 goal, 4 assists) all had big nights.

Gymnasts thank coach

By LORI BUNYEA

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WSC's varsity gymnastics team recently finished another competitive season with commendable improvement and dedication. Over the course of the three and a half month season, the girls encountered numerous difficulties with exceptional grace and strained composure. Just when the team thought that nothing could get worse, something would miraculously happen but pushed the girls' spirits even lower. Throughout these unexplainable incidents, coach Harvey Steckhammer remained optimistic and positive. He rallied against the girls' depression and frustration to produce a team that could proudly represent Westfield State.

I do not think most people realize the hard work and perseverance that goes into competitive gymnastics. Practices consist of daily three hour workouts with three to four meets on the weekends. The courage and determination required to stick with this sport at the college level is extremely amazing considering the peak of a gymnast's career is at the age of 16.

The size of this years team, six members, reflects just how few people there are who are willing to work hard to achieve excellence and personal satisfaction. Each girl on this year's team deserves a hearty congratulations for overcoming insurmountable odds with a smile and pointed toes!

To our coach Harvey, we could not thank you enough for your unending support and dedication. You were always there with a smile, a helpful hint and devoted commends for landing beam tricks.

Gymnasts end 1988 season, look toward next year

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—Sports Information Dept.—

The Westfield State gymnastics squad ended its 1988 season with a [illegible] finish in the Cardinal Conference Invitational Feb. 13 at Bridgewater State College.

Westfield's top all around performance was turned in by sophomore Christine Antosca, who placed 15th overall with an aggregate score of 25.15. Antosca was 14th on the [illegible] with a personal best score of 7.85; 16th in the floor exercise (6.35) and 23rd in the balance beam (6.75). She also tied for 21st place in the vaulting event with teammate Staci Holcombe.

Holcombe placed 20th overall with an aggregate score of 25.0, while Pam Tatlow finished 28th with a 19.25 total. Holcombe was 25th in the vault (7.3) and had scores of 5.25 on both the floor exercise and balance beam. Tatlow's best performance was a 6.15 on the floor exercise.

Karen Crosier competed in three events for the Lady Owls, with a 7.6 in the vault for a 15th place finish. Crosier tallied a 5.85 in the floor exercise and 5.25 on the balance beam.

Also competing in the championships was Diana Dias, who recorded a 2.95 on the beam. Lori Bunyea, Westfield's other team member, did not participate in the championships. [illegible] Conference College placed second and Bridgewater was third.

"I thought the girls did well in the championships," said [illegible] Coach Harvey Stockhammer.

With six sophomores on this year's squad which finished with a 1-5 record, Stockhammer feels he has a good nucleus returning for next season.

"We have a good base for a rather old team," he said. "I'm making some good contacts now recruiting and if we can get a couple more girls we should do well."

Westfield State Gymnastics Team from left to right: Lori Bunyea, Karen Crosier, Christine Antosca, Coach Harvey Stockhammer, Diana Dias, Pam Tatlow. (Missing from photo: Staci Holcombe).

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The future of the Westfield Owls is also looking bright. The team will only be losing one senior, forward Kevin Curry, to graduation, and next year's squad will include five [illegible]

[illegible] with Diane Haskell with the home team were Chris Montgomery, Bryan Colmer, and Vance Davis, all of whom scored in double [illegible]

The only other member of the [illegible] was center Rich Jones with 2 points.

On Feb. 25, in their last game of the [illegible] Westfield State hosts North Adams State.

Owls over Rams 75-74, stats tell all

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Questionable calls hurt lady Owls' playoff bid

By Sharon Frankel

What home court advantage? That was the question the Westfield State women's basketball team must have been asking themselves after last week's loss to Babson College in the opening round of the 1988 E.C.A.C. playoff tournament. En-route to a 69-63 season-ending loss, the Lady Owls found that playing at home may not have been such an advantage after all, at least in terms of the officiating.

The turning point of this game, which remained close all the way, came with 6:35 to go in the second half. Babson was called for a traveling violation on their end and quickly called for a timeout before Westfield could inbound. The referees felt naivey and gave the ball back to Babson after the time out, and before anyone from the Owls was able to get their attention, Babson was on the foul line shooting the extra point on a three-point play.

The refs, in their infinite wisdom, decided to let things stand as they were, allowing the points to be put on the board for Babson. Because of the closeness of the game, that turned out to be an important play for the Lady Owls, perhaps even the turning point.

The lady Cougars hit the showers for the 1988 season with a more-than-respectable 18-7 record. Coach Elston White is quite pleased with his team's accomplishment of making it to post-season play this year, and because the team is losing just two seniors to graduation, he can look forward to further success next year.

White did say that the team will need to adjust to the absence next year of senior star Yvette Davis. White is the school career point leader with 500 points.

"I call Yvette a Div. I guard and a Div. II forward who starts for a Div. III team," White said. "She's got the shot, the speed, and the New York know-how.

We will definitely feel the absence of someone who has been our top scorer and one of our top players all season — she will be very difficult to replace."

Davis had 22 points and five assists in her last game. She finished the season with a [illegible] scoring average to lead the team.

The team's other resident record holder, junior Wendy Kelley, specializes in making her teammates look good with her sharp passes. Kelley averaged 6.4 assists on the season, and she had eight in the Babson game, to go with her 11 points.

White called Kelley, "the glue that holds it all together," and said that had she not been injured during a few stretch of games midway through the season, the Lady Owls may have had a few more wins.

Tessa Chanaille had a big game on the boards in the final game, hauling in 18, 7 offensive and 11 defensive. She has led the team all season in the rebounding department with her 8.3 per game average, and her 10.5 points per game on the season showed that she is a potent offensive player.

She had 12 points in the Babson game to complement her impressive rebounding total.

Kris Jackovice and Felicia Byers, Westfield forwards who have been reliable offensive sources all season, each wound up the year with 8 points and 6 rebounds in the Babson game.

Westfield was without the services of team captain Kelly LaChance. LaChance had been hospitalized with a back injury and did not dress for the game.

Coach White is lookig forward to next season already. "I enjoy coaching these kids — they've given me a renewed spirit for basketball," he said. "We had a really good year."

Reid Lennertz

Ian Blanchard

This week's Athletes of the Week are men's volleyball team co-captains Ian Blanchard and Reid Lennertz. Blanchard, a senior setter-hitter, and Lennertz, a senior hitter, has led the men's volley ball team to their record of 7-12, which surpasses their win total for the past two years.

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Meeting to discuss athletic funds set for March 23

An Editorial

Athletic budgets in state colleges have always been matters of great concern. The main problem in terms of the athletic budget at Westfield State College has been, and is, finding sources of income for athletic funding. There have been proposals to increase student athletic fees in order to help finance the ever-escalating costs of sports programing. Proposals such as this one have been made to increase the student athletic fee to help offset declining state support for sports programs and also to help finance a new sports complex for Westfield State. Alternatives to raising the athletic fee that have been proposed are reducing the number of athletic teams, reducing the number of intramural activities, or increasing support from alumni and booster clubs. While neither the students nor the administration in any way supports the cutting of athletic teams, funding problems remain an issue that must be dealt with. There will be an open forum on March 23 at 4 p.m. in Wilson Auditorium A to provide students the opportunity to give their input regarding the situation. Student Senate is also holding further discussion on the subject at its meeting, which are held Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m.

Tracksters hope for the Nationals

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By Doug Allen

During the weekend of February 26-27, at the New England Championships held at Bowdoin University, men's track coach Jerry Gravel watched his 96-99th athletes become national qualifiers. Going into the meet, Coach Gravel had coached 95 national qualifiers. With the addition of 800 meter runner Lance Cambell, and the mile-relay team, (Miles Woodhouse, John Deforge, Peter Mole, and Paul Murphy) he has reached 99 as Woodhouse has already qualified the season in the triple jump.

Cambpell, only a freshman, qualified on Friday night in the 800 meter trials. Running in the first heat along with teammate Paul Murphy (who missed qualifying by 1 second), Cambell was able to finish sceond (1:53.29) in a botly contested race. On Saturday Campbell came back to finish 7th in a very tough 800 meter final.

The mile realy team's time was a happy surprise, as everything seemed to come together to make for a fast race. The training program, fast track,, and the good competition were all important factors in the success of this race.

Sophomore Miles Woodhouse took the first leg out in 51.0 seconds and kept the race tight. Second man out, John Desforge ran the best leg of the day in a speedy 49.0 seconds to give Westfield a slight head going into the third leg.

Senior Pete Mole kept the race alive with a 49.6 and handed off to the anchor senior Paul Murphy. Murphy and the anchor for U-Mass Amherst were close at the hand-off and fought for the lead during two laps to the finish.

On the last straight away, the U-Mass runner was able to get the lead for the win. Murphy's run was 49.8 seconds, for an overall time of 3:19.65, and sixth place overall.

This relay time put the team ahead of the qualifying standard for the nationals. Preliminary reports look promising for Westfield, but the final entries won't be known for sure until March 9-10. Westfield hopes to be among the teams invited to nationals.

Woodhouse also took 5th in the triple jump. After having an experiencing mid-season slump, he was able to leap 45'10' on his second of six jumps. He is training for the nationals in this event as well as in the relay.

Other athletes who have competed in the meet were Victor Gilmore (55m hurdles) and Peter Mole (55m dash). Both were able to go as far as the semi-finals in their respective events. Both had one more chance to qualify for the nationals in their individual evens this past weekend at the ESAC championships at Bowdoin College, Maine.

Photo by Renee Gawlinski

WSC's Felicia Byers takes a shot in a recent game, as Yvette Davis gets a rebound. The lady hoopsters finished the season with an 18-7 record.

The Owl Scoreboard

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (17-4)

WSC 87 Plue Manor 77

WSC 70 Framingham 63

MEN'S BASKETBALL (7-13)

WSC 75 Framingham 74

HOCKEY (1-19-1)

WSC 9 Framingham 0

WSC 7 Wesleyan 8

WSC 3 Fitchburg 6 (OT)

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL (4-11)

WSC 0 Springfield 3

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Four-on-Four Basketball

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Division II

East

1.Conans	8-0
2.Hoosiers	6-1
3.Volleyers	5-3
4.Trojans	5-3
5.L. Place	3-4
6.Faculty	2-
7.Zoo	2-6
8.Slobs	2-5
9.P. Flaps	1-6
10.S. Bowl	2-7

West

1.Scoles	8-0
2.F. Fish	6-2
3.Dawgs	5-3
4.P. Shamrocks	6-2
5.Jays	4-4
6.Slugs	2-4
7.Quiffers	3-5
8.N. Names	3-5
9.A. Vehicle	1-7
10.Rockets	1-7

Division I

North

1.A Fleet	4-1
2.Soviets	3-2
3.P. Necklace	2-1
4.Team Bako	2-2
5.Mahra	1-2
6.Rebels	0-4

South

1.G-Spots	4-1
2.Wolverines	3-1
3.Matrax	3-2
4.Gunners	2-3
5.Drillers	1-3

Women's Standings

1.H. Dubas	5-0
2.F. Shock	3-2
3.Spanky's	2-3
4.Keggers	0-5

Five-on-Five Basketball

1.G-Spots	9-1
2.Excel	8-2
3.Mat. X	8-3
4.No Names	7-5
5.Faculty	6-5
6.Quiffers	5-5
7.Beastie Boys	5-5
8.P. Necklace	4-1
9.Jays	3-6
10.Attack Vehicle	3-7

Co-Rec Water Polo

1.Drillers	2-1
2.Dipsticks	1-1
3.Glovers	1-2
4.Bruisers	0-2

Water Polo '88

1.G-Spots	7-0	6.Rebels	3-3
2.Soviets	5-0	7.Subs	2-4
3.B. Bros.	4-3	8.MDUSA	1-4
4.P. Flaps	3-2	9.Dipsticks	1-5
5.Drillers	3-2		

Bowling '88

Team	Pts.		
1.G-Spots	28	5.Flam. A's	24
2.B. Bros	27	6.P. Flaps	21½
3.P. Shamrocks	26	7.Volleyers	17
4.Soviets	24½	8.Dogs	16

Smith Cup Report

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SCHOOL	FOOTBALL	MEN'S SOCCER	WOMEN'S SOCCER	FIELD HOCKEY	WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL	MEN'S TENNIS	WOMEN'S TENNIS	MEN'S X-COUNTRY	WOMEN'S X-COUNTRY	ICE HOCKEY	MEN'S BASKETBALL	WOMEN'S BASKETBALL	TOTALS
Salem	X	6	4	4	4	4	6			6	5	6	45
Bridgewater	2			6	2		4	1		X	2	4	21
North Adams	X		6	X		6			2	2	5		21
Westfield	1	2		2	6		2	3	1			2	20
Fitchburg		4	X			2		1	3	4			15
Worcester	6		X						X				6
Framingham						X	X						2
Mass Maritime	2		X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	2

X-is not a conference member of this sport

For round robin conference competition, 6 points are awarded for first place; 4 for second, and 2 for third. For conference tournament competitions (cross country), 3 points are awarded for first place, 2 for second, 1 for third.

-Compiled by Mickey Curtis, Westfield State SID

NOTE: Salem and North Adams were co-champs in men's basketball and share the first and second place votes.

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Task force evaluates athletics; status of programs in question

Force held an open forum on March 23 to give students the opportunity to voice their opinions on the status and future of the athletic programs at [illegible].

The Task Force members were appointed by President Irving Buchen to evaluate Westfield State's athletic teams and the athletic program as a whole in the hope that they could come up with a long-term solution to the budgeting [illegible] problems.

According to the Athletic Department, if funds cannot be raised to supplement the current budget, the athletic and intramural programs, as well as the many student athletes, will suffer.

One way to increase funding under examination by the task force is to raise the student athletic fee by $25. The fee was raised by $25 last year, but in order to meet the increasing costs of the program additional funds [illegible]

ing the athletic fee by $25 would [illegible] budget by $ 200,000 to $75,000. Athletic Task Force member Maureen [illegible] and [illegible] Fitzgerald, [illegible] as not an ideal solution.

"The committee knows that students do not have an unlimited supply of money, and that they would not be happy with another fee increase. No one wants to ask the students to increase the athletic fee, but the task force is looking into that option to see if it is warranted," said Fitzgerald.

Another option discussed at the meeting was the possibility that [illegible] could be saved if a few teams were cut from the program. 41 percent Westfield State current 22 varsity teams — the most of any state college. However, the members of the task force emphasized that that solution did not have the support of either the athletic [illegible] or of the student body.

Dr. Warren Hill, assistant chair of [illegible] sports from the program wouldn't [illegible] deal of money in the long run.

"If you eliminate a number of less [illegible] sports you wouldn't reduce the budget by much. It is the fixed costs of the program (officiating, equipment, travel personnel) that take a big chunk out of the budget. We don't want to see any sports cut," Hill said.

According to Dr. Karl Leiker, another task force member, each team will be evaluated on the basis of interest, cost, participation, how long the sport has been part of the program, number of contests, and length of season.

Leiker also spoke about the rumors that have been circulating around the campus about the future of the athletic program. He called those rumors [illegible].

Buchen also attended the meeting and said that he was glad that members of the college community have been expressing their views over the past few months to express their [illegible] ty to do was to stop trying to place blame for the lack of funding on [illegible] work together to convince the state [illegible] programs. Buchen said that the problem lies in the fact that the legislature doesn't think that the athletic program [illegible] basically support the program?" Buchen asked. "One way out of our current financial bind may be to put pressure on the state legislature to give the athletic program some help. We need to ask the legislature to find ways that the college's athletic programs can be supported by taxes," Buchen said.

As of yet, no decisions have been made and no long range plans have [illegible] Hill said that it is too late for any task force recommendations to have any impact on the [illegible]

The future of soccer and other intramural sports may be in question. (File photo).

[illegible] hours.

Members of the task force invite anyone with questions to contact one of them. Task force members include Robert Jennings, Warren Hill, Carl Leiker, Maureen Fitzgerald, Martha Van Allen, Dan Ford and student representatives Anne Webster, Tom Popson and Mark Rockwell.

The task force will be holding another open forum sometime in April.

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Student input needed on athletics proposals

For the past few months, students at Westfield have been hearing conflicting opinions about the future of the athletic and intramural programs at the college. With the athletic fee being raised to $250 will some varsity or intramural sports be cut from the programs entirely? As the situation develops, it has become apparent that Westfield students are misinformed, don't know, or maybe don't care about the decisions being made that will directly affect most of them.

Students at Westfield State must become actively involved in the decision-making process if they care about the athletic and intramural programs [illegible]. Wednesday, an open forum was held to give the students that chance to get involved. Although the notices announcing pertained directly to about 90 percent of the students, only about 20 students showed up.

Recently, the Student [illegible] a proposal to increase the athletic fee to $25. The [illegible] presented a proposal formally by the athletic department for final Senate [illegible] the Westfield students should be sure that they [illegible]

[illegible] athletic fee increase proposal voted down next month, the athletic department will be forced to find alternative sources of income.

— Athletic Director Paul Hogan will not pursue the fee increase proposal further if the Senate does vote it down. If he cannot find other sources of income, he stated that he will make proposals calling for the elimination of several varsity and/or intramural programs.

— The athletic task force, which held last Wednesday's open meeting, was appointed by President Irving Fuchen to look into long-term solutions to the funding problem. The $25 fee increase would buy time for the athletic and intramural programs until — hopefully — alternative solutions can be found.

—Student Senate meets every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. Every student interested in the immediate and long-term future of the athletic program should voice his or her opinions to a student representative. Thirty-seven people should not make decisions for the entire student body unless they have the input of that student body. The opportunity to get involved and have a hand in the decisions is there, and students should take it. The task force will be meeting on Wednesday, March 30, at 4 p.m. in Ely Room 237, and students are welcome to go and listen to the discussion. An open forum similar to the one held last week will be held sometime in April, before the Senate takes its final vote.

Interested students are urged to attend one of these Senate meetings to express their opinions regarding the future of the athletic program.

Westfield players (from left to right) Dave Bushe, Kendall May and Keith Bixby, wait for the rebound in the team's recent loss. The hoopsters ended their season with a 7-14 record.

Photo by Renee Gawlinski

Peter Mole hands off to Paul Murphy at the NCAA Div. III Championship meet held March 10-11 in Northampton. Six WSC students were named All-Americans at the meet.

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All-Americans bring coach close to goal

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Athletes of the Week

Members of Westfield State's All-American mile relay team slow down for a minute to pose with their plaques. First row, left to right: John Desforge, Pete Mole, Miles Woodhouse, and Paul Murphy. Top row, left to right: assistant coach Doug Allen, coach Jerry Gravel, and assistant coach Rick Doiron.

Victor Gilmer overcame a devastating knee injury to turn in a third place finish at the National Div. III championship meet.

Sophomore speedster Lance Campbell raced to a third place finish at the Div. III Nationals.

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Davis double pumps way through Div. I, II, III

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[illegible] TRAVELER

[illegible] straight up. But one [illegible] made it clear to [illegible] defender — as I [illegible] against him."

I used to go to the park in New York with my older brother to play basketball, and he always told me not to let the boys push me around on the court. If you wanted to play with the boys, you first had to prove that you belonged out there with them."

These are the words of Westfield senior Yvette Davis, who finds that is one place where she definitely belongs, whether she is playing with teammates from Westfield or with boys in New York.

For the past three years, Davis has starred on Westfield State's women's basketball team, which this season compiled a 18-7 record under head coach Hilton White.

One of the things that makes Davis an unusual player is that she has played in all three NCAA divisions. However, she made her mark on the basketball world long before she started her college career.

She began to play basketball on an organized level at Springfield Gardens High School in New York. Her time there can be summed up like this: Freshman year, she was named Rookie of the Year; sophomore year, she was named Most Improved Player; junior year, she received the coaches' award; senior year, she was the Most Valuable Player.

Needless to say, more than a few colleges were interested in the 5-7 guard with the street-wise playing style. She ended up at Div I Queens College in the heart of New York City.

"Queens was home to me, and I wanted to stay with my family, so I chose Queens College," Davis said. "I've never really liked to practice — I'm more of a game player — but at Queens the coaches really emphasized the importance of practice. We ran three miles three times a week, lifted weights three times a week, and had three-hour practices every day. We all knew how to play the game — we just had to be taught something about discipline."

Davis responded well to the tougher discipline at Queens. She played in every game and started in many of them, although she knew that if she didn't do what she was supposed to do she would find herself on the bench.

She averaged 12 points per game during that season, an unusually modest number for her.

"The point guard wasn't supposed to score much. My job at the point was to get the ball to the big people under the baskets."

Women's basketball coach Hilton White and team star Yvette Davis share an interest in New York City and basketball.

Although Davis did well at Queens, she wasn't happy with the college's lack of on-campus housing. Living at school, she said, began to appeal to her more than did playing for a Div I school. She transferred to Div II American International College in Springfield.

"I knew that in Div II the level of competition would be lower, but that didn't matter to me as long as I could still play ball," she said.

After playing part of the season at AIC, Davis found that she still wasn't entirely satisfied with the campus atmosphere.

Luckily for Davis, and for the future of Westfield State's basketball team, Westfield's coach Hilton White also happens to be a professor at AIC. Davis approached White while he was in the gym watching another player. She told him that she might be interested in playing for Westfield, and the two hit it off immediately upon discovering their mutual New York backgrounds. White took Davis to visit the campus at Westfield, and the closed-in "campusy" atmosphere of the college appealed to her right away.

Having played in the more competitive Divisions I and II, Davis found that, for her, Div III basketball brought its own challenges, especially during the first two seasons.

"Of the three seasons that I've been at Westfield, this past one has been the best by far," she said. "The first two years, though, there was a certain degree of pressure on me to score, because I knew that it had to be me if we wanted to win."

One game that sticks out in Davis' mind as one of her best is a contest that took place two years ago against Eastern Connecticut.

"I had 33 points in that game, and those were the hardest 33 points of my life. I was the only player they really had to play hard — so I knew I would have to work hard if I wanted to score — and it felt good when we lost by only eight when we were supposed to get blown out."

Of all her basketball-playing seasons, Davis calls her last one her favorite and best.

"I did well this season because everyone else on the team could score too. Everybody had their games, and that meant less pressure on me to score because I knew that it didn't have to be me every time."

The 23-year-old Davis is Westfield's career point leader with 500 points for the Lady Owls, and she has no regrets about moving down to a Division III school. In fact, she said that basketball has never been as much fun for her as it was during her final season at Westfield.

"Hilton (coach White) always told me not to shoot on the first pass, but if the defender was more than two feet away, I would shoot, and if I saw a hole down the middle, I would go in. Sure, Hilton would yell — but not that much."

Why would he? In her three seasons with Westfield, Davis has not only been a scoring machine but has racked up a number of other accolades as well. This season alone, for example, she was named ECAC Player of the Week four times and was named to the ECAC Honor Roll twice. She was also named MVP in a tournament the Lady Owls played in during the Christmas break.

What hasn't Davis accomplished on the court? Well, there is just one thing. "I always wanted to be able to smack the backboard with both hands during a game — I never did do that."

Although she is starting to plan for her life after college (she is hoping to put her liberal arts degree to use in working with children), Davis will not forget her final college team.

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Westfield Sports Teams Need YOUR Support!

Softball players step up to plate

By MICKEY CURTIS, S.I.D.

Many familiar names are on the 1988 Westfield State College softball roster, but the Lady Owls must devise a different game plan to equal or [illegible] on last year's ECAC Division III championship and 20-9 record.

The chief reason for the Lady Owls' new look is the absence of Donna McLean, an all-[illegible] and All-[illegible] performer during the past four years. With McLean's potent bat and powerful pitching arm missing from the lineup Westfield will stress a team oriented attack this spring.

"Donna was a top hitter and pitcher for us for four years and maybe we depended on her too much," said ninth year head coach Joyce O'Donnell. "All of a sudden, other people have to take the responsibility and I think we have the players to do it. We have a lot of juniors on this year's team who have a mature confident attitude."

O'Donnell also cites hitting, despite the graduation of several sluggers, as a team strength. The veteran coach says her team possesses above average speed and plans to use it more on the basepaths this season.

"Even for the number of starters we lost I'm confident we'll be definitely sound," O'Donnell said. "We just have to find different ways to win."

One area the Lady Owls' are lacking is in depth, particularly in the pitching department. They only have two proven pitchers in freshmen Nina Vivenzio and Karen Frustaci.

"We really don't have too great a weak spot but most of my concern lies with the pitchers," said O'Donnell. "We don't have to the depth there and an injury could put us in a difficult position. We need three starters and we have only two starters now."

Westfield's ace hurler is Vivenzio, a junior who posted a 7-3 record and 3.74 earned run average a year ago. Vivenzio's forte is her ability to remain calm at crunch time.

"Nina has a confident air about her," said O'Donnell. "She's mentally tough in tight situations and you don't find very many like that. She's a real believer she can get the job done."

Frustaci went 4-0 last season, compiling a 1.93 ERA with seven strikeouts, eight walks and 22 hits in 29 innings.

"Karen is basically a sound pitcher throughout," said O'Donnell. "Her good fielding will assist her in her game."

The Lady Owls' also are counting on fine fielding from shortstop Cheryl Bassett, the lone returning senior on this year's squad. The four-year starter also shines at the plate, as she hit .402 with 23 runs batted in and 12 stolen bases in 1987.

Bassett will hit cleanup in the lineup followed by junior first baseman Johanna Madge, who showed signs of her power potential by hitting .373 in limited action last year.

"We have some big, strong hitters in our lineup," O'Donnell said.

Westfield's other top returnees are Carolyn Malley, Bonnie Staniewicz and Renee Savage. Malley, a sophomore, made all-conference last season, hitting .271 as a designated hitter with 10 stolen bases. O'Donnell would like to use Malley as a catcher this year but she is ailing with an arm injury.

Staniewicz, a junior who hit .268 with a .434 on-base percentage last year, is splitting time behind the plate with Vivenzio. Staniewicz also will play at second base when Frustaci, a .323 hitter, gets the starting pitching nod. Savage, a .194 hitter in 1987, is the starting third baseman.

Three newcomers in the outfield complete the starting lineup. Junior college transfers Pam Clark and Lauri Skiddell will start in center and left field, respectively, while freshmen Lisa Dolan and Sue Cybulksi are battling for the opening in right field.

Clark, a senior speedster, will lead off in the batting order followed by Malley and Frustaci. Skiddell is slated to bat sixth, followed by Savage, Staniewicz and either Dolan or Cybulski. Top reserves include Deb McCarthy, Tracey Webb, Tracy Bembridge and pitcher Tracy Foley.

"I think we're sound throughout the lineup," said O'Donnell. "We appear to have speed and strength, so I'm relatively positive."

Westfield's challenging pre-league schedules include quality opposition such as American International College, Springfield College, Western Connecticut and Eastern Connecticut. O'Donnell looks for perennial frontrunners Bridgewater and Salem to be the teams to beat in the Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference, with Fitchburg a darkhorse.

"I think a big thing which benefits us is that our schedule is more difficult than over one-half of the teams we meet," said O'Donnell, who has a 122-97 record in eight years at Westfield, with a single season best of 20-8 in 1982 when the Lady Owls finished third in the nation.

INTRAMURAL SPORTS

On March 21, Jay Lander won the Intramural Free Throw Contest and Chris Tibbets took the intramural one-on-one championship.

The Soviets beat the G-Spots, 68-51, in the Men's Div. 1 4-on-4 Basketball Championships held on March 23. Joe Champigny was leading scorer for the G-Spots, and Greg Roy had an outstanding game for the Spots as well. In the Men's Div. 11 Final, the Coronas pulled out a thrilling 58-57 victory over the Soaks. Tom smith hit a jumper with 7 seconds left to seal the win. Chris Tibbetts, Jay Lander, and Stephen Maloney all had outstanding games for the undefeated Coronas. Steve Smith was high scorer for the Soaks, but his last second shot fell short at the Buzzer.

The annual Banacos road race usually held in October or November has been moved to April 24 this year to coincide with the Inauguration week of President Buchen.

Intramural Softball rosters are due April 1. The season starts April 4.

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Congratulations to Yvette Davis, senior basketball player, who made the ECAC all-star second team!

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Men's Basketball (7-14)

WSC 66 — North Adams 82

Women's Basketball (18-7)

WSC 63 — Babson 66

Men's Volleyball (7-12)

WSC 2	Vassar 0
WSC 0	Genese NY 2
WSC 2	Sacred Heart 1
WSC 2	WNEC 0

Swimming

Placed 19th at NE Championships. Freshman Lori Vincent was WSC's top finisher (4th — 3-meter, 8th — 1-meter dive).

Men's Track

Members of the team will compete on March 11-12 in the indoor track NCAA Division III Championships at Smith College in Northampton. Westfield fans are urged to attend.

Wrestling Notice

There wil. oe a general interest meeting about starting a Wrestling Club on March 9 at 6:30 p.m. in Davis Hall's Commons Room. It is open to all. Any questions? Call Dan Hunter, ext 512.

Intramural Notices

HOCKEY ROSTERS DUE no later than March 21st. The league will start on March 22nd. A forfeit fee is required. (Carries Banacos Points).

TRIVIA ROSTERS DUE by March 23rd. The contest will begin March 28-31. (Carries Banacos Points).

REGISTER NOW FOR THE ANNUAL ONE-ON-ONE AND FREE THROW CONTEST both will take place March 21st.

5-ON-5 SUNDAY BASKETBALL TOUR first round Sunday March 6th — top eight teams.

WSC names new lacrosse coach

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Sports Information Department

Craig Schermerhorn, a former lacrosse standout at Westfield High School, has been named the new head coach at Westfield State College.

Schermerhorn was an All Western Mass. defenseman three consecutive years and named team MVP his senior season at Westfield High School. He was a four-year letterman at the University of Lowell, where he graduated from in 1984.

Schermerhorn, 25, is ready for the challenge of inheriting a Westfield State club which has one senior and returns nine letterwinners from last year's 3-12 teams.

"I'm optimistic about the team itself," said Schermerhorn, who took the team to Maryland for workouts during the spring break. "The ... will be a unique situation is that I'll be taking a lot of input from the team as well as utilizing my ideas."

Schermerhorn's assistant coach is Eugene Li, a Yonkers, N.Y. native who coached at Amherst Junior High last year.

"I'm defense oriented myself, but my assistant is heavily into offense, so I think we complement each other well," said Schermerhorn.

WSC swim team: bottom, Kim Weaver, Mary Fitzgerald, Lori Nelson, Anne Verville. Second, Janice Tessicini, Lisa Desforge, Michelle Overton, Lori Vincent. Third, Roby.a Houlihan, Tracy Cooney, Lorri LaMagelaine, Kristin Sikora, Joanne Donovan. The team recently finished its season at the NE Championships. Missing from photo: Anne Webster, captain, and Laura Stone.

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Bats strengthen outlook for season

The Lumber ... Rookie Joe Adamczyk ... Complacency ... now at Westfield State College, as the Owls' baseball team has a veteran cast of players from last year's ... an improving defense and pitching staff, a reason the Owls are ... in the preseason campaign.

"I'm very optimistic about the team," said fourth year head coach Howie Burns. "We're going to hit well but what can ... the ... we haven't had enough time to work on our hitting because our new field is under ..."

Burns' main worry is getting a better look at his pitching staff. He like the pitchers' potential, but he still sees pitfalls ... [illegible] les beef last season as the staff compiled a staggering 8.29 ERA the worst mark in West ...

"Pitching is a key," said Burns. "We have to find out who our one, two, three and four (starting) pitchers are because once we get into league games and we're playing back to back double headers on weekends. But it's tough early on to find starters, middle relief pitchers and stoppers because the games are so spread out.

"I think we are going to be adequate defensively," he continued, "and if we can get our pitchers enough time I think we'll be all right."

Burns felt that defense was one of several bright spots on the Owls' annual southern trip. His team, which posted a 5-3 record, was errorless in three games.

"We have to work on our defense," said Burns, whose teams had never come back from the ... [illegible] ... before this year. "I anticipated playing well down south, but I didn't expect our defense to be that solid. We are going to have a more-than-adequate defense, but we are going to try to keep as much hitting in our lineup without hurting our defense."

The Owls, 12-16-2 overall and 7-5 in the conference in 1987, expect to battle Salem and North Adams for the Massachusetts State ... [illegible] ... The following is a position-by-position breakdown of the players the Owls are counting on to contend for the crown.

CATCHER: The Owls are solid behind the plate with ... [illegible] ... senior captain Chris ... [illegible] ... "He's a very good throwing catcher and a good ... and his hitting has improved each year," said Burns. Backing up the veteran ... a sophomore ... [illegible] ... Mike Tirri, who swings a good bat and can handle a glove.

FIRST BASE: Tom Larson (WEST ... [illegible] ... returns to the starting lineup after sitting out last year. The senior slugger led the Owls in RBIs with five home runs and ten doubles. He hit .293 with an on base percentage of .465. "Tom hits very well and with power," said Burns. "And he does a good job at first base defensively." Burns also plans to use Larson as a relief pitcher. Second on the depth chart at first base is freshman Tony Calandro (SPRINGFIELD CENTRAL). "Tony is a strong hitter who's confident in his ability. He's a quiet kid who works hard."

SECOND BASE: Rick Doyle (WEYMOUTH), an all conference designated hitter last season, is seeing double duty this year as he is penciled in as the starting second sacker. Doyle, a junior who hit .358 last year, is the Owls' leadoff batter. "Doyle is an excellent hitter," said Burns. "He hits with power and runs well. He's doing a good job at second base but has areas he has to improve on. The reason he was our designated hitter last year was because of a hand injury, so he never got a chance to play defense." Burns says that freshman Vince Joyce (BRAINTREE) has the potential to be a good second baseman, and hits well.

SHORTSTOP: The Owls are in good hands with senior captain Greg Fox (CHELMSFORD) anchoring the infield at shortstop. Fox, a ... [illegible] ... hit .360 last season with a team high 24 doubles and .528 slugging percentage. He also led the team in homers with seven. "Greg is just a good player," said Burns. "He's an excellent hitter who has the power and sweet stroke. He could play any place at high school he was an outfielder, but I'm playing him at shortstop because he's the best one we have on the team. Burns said that Fox may see action ... [illegible] ... as a designated hitter.

THIRD BASE: Jon Connor (WAKE ... [illegible] ... a sophomore, is penciled in as the starter at third base for the third straight year. The hard-throwing senior is also expected to see some pitching action. "Jon has never been a strong hitter although he has hit well last year," said Burns. Matt Palmer (MILFORD) is a backup third baseman.

UTILITY PLAYER: Junior Ted Burns, ... [illegible] ... returns after sitting out last season. He played second base in 1986 and 1987 for the Owls, and another position Burns plans to use him at is shortstop.

LEFT FIELD: Slugger Dan Cronin (SPRINGFIELD CLASSICAL) strikes fear in opposing pitchers with his thunderous bat. The 6-2, 215 pounder, scored seven homers and drove in a team high 35 runs last year. His .441 batting average was the second highest in Westfield history. "Dan hits with power and puts the ball in play," said Burns. "He only struck out once or twice during last year. Defensively, he's improving in the outfield."

CENTER FIELD: Brin Ryan (NEWTON), a regular last year as a freshman, is called an adequate center fielder by Burns. Ryan hit .265 with a .354 on base percentage his first season.

... [illegible] ... Phil Preston (CHESTERFIELD) and Tony Frugoli (EVERETT) will see playing time in right ... [illegible] ... helps. "Phil is better defensively and Tony hits with more power," said Burns, who also plans to use Frugoli as a designated hitter.

OUTFIELD RESERVES: Sophomore Frank Morrissey (FRAMINGHAM) is ... [illegible] ... probably the best outfielder we have," said Burns. "He's very fast, aggressive and intense and ... [illegible] ... rotate him and some other people." Burns ... [illegible] ... Matt McDonald (PALMER RIVER) is a good defensive outfielder, and ... [illegible] ... Tony Dean (BARLETTA ... TON) swings the bat. Dean has been sidelined for the past several weeks with a twisted ...

PITCHERS: Two of the Owls' mound aces are returnees Rich Locke (NORTHBOROUGH) and Lars Lambros (WEYMOUTH). Locke posted a 3-4 record with a 4.23 ERA in 1987, while Lambros has an identical record with an 8.03 ERA.

"Locke has proven that he has control," said Burns. "He has a good fastball ans sets up his fastball with a good curve. And the team seems to play well when he pitches.

"Lars is more of a control pitcher who gets people out. He's a fierce competitor on the mound, and if gets the ball where he wants to he'll get people out."

Cronin, who has the best arm on the team, struggled down south, according to Burns. Other getting a close look by the veteran coach are Pat Herlihy (WEST SPRINGFIELD), Joe Hevey (CHICOPEE), Tom Frederick (HARWICH) and Bob Anderson (BEVERLY).

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Optimism felt on lacrosse team

By Michele Fraser, A12

The Westfield State lacrosse team's streak of eight straight winning seasons came to an end last year when the Owls finished with a 5-7 record. The disappointing losing season was followed by a [illegible] head coach and a complete turn of players and [illegible].

Only three seniors are on the 20-player roster, but also returning 17 sophomores and juniors to the team's lineup from last year. This, along with the hiring of a young and energetic coach, is cause for the optimism in the Owl camp this season.

"Last year the team was young, but I think they've matured quite a bit this year," said coach Craig Schermerhorn, a Westfield native who played for four years at the University of Lowell. "I think the guys are more dedicated this year, and one of my goals is to see the guys improve each year.

"I think a lot of them have matured just from the spring trip to Maryland) that we took," he [illegible].

The 25-year-old coach [illegible] to make any predictions on this season's outcome because he is unfamiliar with the opposition. Westfield does join a new league this season, called the Pilgrim League which includes Mass Maritime, MIT, Curry, Babson, WNEC and Nichols.

"We are just going to take the season game-by-game," he said. "But for us to win we're going to have to play team lacrosse. I am not going to rely on one or two players.

"I think what you'll see from us is a close-knit, hustling team," he continued. "I tell the guys that their stick skills might not compare with the other teams, but that we can still win with our hearts."

The Owls received his marks from their coach in their opening game despite a 12-5 setback to Division I Holy Cross. Last season the Owls lost to Holy Cross by 17 goals.

"It was a tremendous boost for the players," said Schermerhorn. "I thought they played outstanding team defense."

Schermerhorn says his team is a "good mix" of junior and senior leaders and promising freshmen and sophomores. Leaders of the pack are captains Rob Quinn, Jim O'Donnell and John MacNeil. Quinn, a junior midfielder, led the team in scoring last year with 34 goals, 17 assists.

"Rob is our leader," said Schermerhorn. "He has excellent stick skills and is hungry for the ball."

O'Donnell, [illegible] attacker, was the third leading scorer last spring with 17 goals and 12 assists.

"Jim is good with the stick and sees the open man well," said the coach. "He's an excellent feeder and also good one-on-one."

MacNeil, a junior, anchors the defense. "John is a good one-on-one man and has excellent stickwork as far as handling the ball," said Schermerhorn. "He has a total game sense."

Bob Kelly, Jim O'Laughlin, Tom Friel, Scott Breen and Dan Sullivan are players to watch on the defensive end for the Owls. Midfielders who will play a lot are freshman Steven Kerr, Brian LaCroix, Tom Heffernan and brothers Mike and Mark O'Neil.

Tim O'Neil, a sophomore, who had 15 goals and five assists in 1987 to rank fourth on the scoring list, is a starting attacker along with sophomore Kevin Dale and senior Brian Corrigan.

Schermerhorn says that a pair of faceoff specialists — sophomores Brendan Murphy and Mike McKinley — have "looked good" thus far. Schermerhorn is also high on goalies Bob Fleming and Patrick Smith, both of whom also play soccer at Westfield.

"Fleming hustled quite a bit and showed me a lot in the first game," he said.

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BASEBALL (5 - 5)

[illegible] AIC 4
Springfield 8

Next home game April [illegible]
at 1:00 p.m. against Fitchburg State

SOFTBALL (1 - 2)

WSC 0,0
WSC rained out Eastern Connecticut
WSC 1

[illegible] Mount Holyoke 0

Next home game April 5
at 4:00 p.m. against Coast Guard

LACROSSE (2 - 1)

WSC 5 — Holy Cross 12
WSC 13 — Lowell 9
WSC 9 — Curry 6

Next home game April 14
at 4:00 p.m. against Williams

TRACK

Next home meet April 9

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TRACK PREVIEW:

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Men...

By KAREN FRAWLEY

Each time spring comes to the Mass State College Conference, Westfield State's men's track team seems to be the team to beat. If the amount of talent on this year's team is any indication, this season should be no different for the Owls.

On their way to dominating the conference last year, the track team sent three throwers and one runner to the Nationals in Chicago. Two hammer throwers, Andy Fronczak and John Gonzalez, brought back All-American certificates, while the other two qualifiers, Roy Baum (javelin) and Mike Hanley (1600 meters) also turned in respectable performances for the blue and white.

Westfield was well-represented in the regional championship meet last season, having sent over a dozen competitors. The Owls fared well as a team in that meet, notching a fifth place finish.

According to assistant coach Doug Allen, the track team lost at least seven team members between last season and this one to graduation and for other reasons.

"We have a strong bunch of runners coming off the indoor season who are already in shape for the first meet (April 2 at home)," said Allen. "We also have brought in a couple of very talented freshmen who will help fill our weak spots, and the fact that some upperclassmen have returned from injuries is encouraging as well."

Breaking the team down by events it is easy to see who the tough competitors are going to be, although every season contains surprises.

In the short sprints, Westfield will enter senior Pete Mole (member of the All-American indoor track team), freshman Brian McDonald (ran a 10.8 100 meter dash in high school), senior Bernie D'Agostino (stepping down in distance from the quartermile), and varsity basketball playing junior Rodney Smith (qualified for the NE III meet last season).

In the hurdles, the big story is Victor Gilmer. Back this year after a knee injury incurred by playing varsity football put him out of commission. It is safe to say that his comeback is complete after he turned in a third place finish at the indoor nationals last month. Gilmore will compete in both the high and low hurdles this spring, and he is a contender for both the 400 and the 1600 meter relay teams.

Sophomore Miles Woodhouse will be another cornerstone of the hurdling and relay teams, specializing in the 400 meter intermediate hurdles. Woodhouse is also is one of the members of the All-American indoor relay team.

Women...

By KAREN FRAWLEY

Under the direction of first year head coach Rick Doiron and assistant coach Doug Allen, the women's track program at Westfield is traveling further along the track (no pun intended) to success.

Aiding the team in its quest for success is the fact that three of their meets will take place on Westfield's home track.

As a whole, the track program at Westfield State has been a remarkably winning one. In addition to the four national qualifiers from the men's team last spring, the women's team had one national qualifier and eventual All-American in 5000 meter and cross country runner Kathy Norton.

Since graduated, Norton qualified for the 5000 meter race after competing in it for the first time in her career.

The Lady Owls lost quite a few talented competitors to graduation, and this year the team boasts only two seniors, Lisa Belvery and Tricia Gallagher.

Belvery will be competing in the hurdles, where she qualified for the ECAC Div. III meet last season. She will also be entered in the 4x110 relay team.

Gallagher was a cornerstone of the 1987 cross country team, and she will be running in her first track season at Westfield this spring. She will be entering the 3000 and 5000 meter races.

Another junior returnee is Vicki Sullivan, who will be jumping and sprinting. Sullivan competed in spring track her freshman year.

Sophomore Lisa Weinberg and junior Felicia Buers will both be throwing the shot for the Lady Owls. Both Byers and Weinberg are members of Westfield's varsity basketball team.

Other members of Westfield's team are Wendy Holdsworth in the distance events, Stephanie Myles and Ami Sroczenski in the sprints, Barbara McNeill and Susan O'Malley in the hurdles, Deb Bousquet in the javelin, Kristen Sarver in the long jump.

The Lady Owls will host a number of schools at their next home meet on April 9 at 11 a.m.

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Boxers off to Russia

By RENEE GAWLINSKI

Tony Stanton of Milton and Brad D'Andrea of Framingham, both students at Westfield State College, have been selected for the National Collegiate Boxing Team (NCBT) to compete against the collegiate teams in the U.S.S.R. May 18 through June 11.

Stanton and D'Andrea are part of a 15-member team selected from colleges across the country — including Villanova, Penn State, and Texas A & M — for a program called "Peace thru Sports."

Their tour will begin in Quebec to train with the Quebec Boxing Association followed by a briefing in Montreal prior to their departure for the U.S.S.R. Stanton and D'Andrea will compete in Leningrad and Moscow and then travel to Prague, Czechoslovakia for matches against the Czechoslovakian team.

The two students landed this opportunity as a result of a single outstanding fight at Pennsylvania's Lock Haven University, which caught the eye of Dr. Ken Cox, coach of the NCBT and faculty coach at Lock Haven.

The next fight they face is raising the $1895 charge for the program.

"We are both looking forward to this opportunity of a lifetime but the only obstacle is money," said Stanton, a freshman at Westfield State.

Two Westfield State boxers are on their way to Russia. Left to right, Tony Stanton, coach John Krzesewski, and Brad O'Andrea.

Annual race honors Banacos

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The first annual Banacos Road Race, held Oct. 22, 1977. Jimmy Banacos is at left, holding trophy.

"The race, which originated on October 22, 1977, is held each year to honor Jimmy Banacos, who was injured in a WSC football game in 1977.

[illegible] said that he was a freshman [illegible] the day Banacos was injured and he [illegible] field," said Magarian. "Jimmy went to the far corner of the field to check a player on the opposing team.

"He hit the other player, and the next thing we knew he was down on the ground and that was it. The ambulance came and took him away."

Magarian said that Banacos has [illegible] little but of movement in one arm and hand," he said.

Larry Morell was Banacos' roommate at the time of the accident. In a telephone interview, Morell said, "Out of all of us, Jimmy was the most physically fit.

"He always took care of himself by eating right and running all the time. He was very active in sports, and always in excellent physical condition.

"It seems so ironic that Jimmy was the one who got injured."

Morell said that he and Banacos lived in a section of the dorm called "The Zoo," and Banacos was the practical joker of the group.

"He was like a little imp," said Morell. "If I were Lawyer Joe and he dumped a bucket of water on a guy who was sleeping, Allen Jimmy came running back to the room, he locked the door.

"Before long, two fire crackers came under the door and the room filled up with smoke. We all started coughing and had to leave."

Morell said that Banacos was "a great kid" who didn't go out and get drunk like the rest of the group.

"He was lots of fun, but being drunk just wasn't his thing," said Morell.

Since his accident, Banacos has had numerous operations, said Magarin. "He's even been to Russia and England where he's had operations that aren't allowed to be done in the United States."

Despite all he's been through, Banacos has kept his high spirits, said Morell.

"There was only one time I ever saw Jimmy bitter and depressed," said Morell. "When he was in Providence Hospital in Holyoke after his accident, I often went to visit him.

"The school year was over and most of the guys had gone home to the eastern part of the state. Those of us who lived in this area often visited him.

"During one visit, Jimmy looked at me and said, 'Do you think you could [illegible]?'

"He was hooked up to all kinds of tubes then. That was the last time I saw him depressed."

Banacos, who was called "the little Greek," lives in Watertown, Mass., with his parents who care for him. Morell said that many of his friends from college still visit him, and anyone who visits is extremely welcome.

Banacos also tries to attend the annual "Zoo" picnic which is still held by members of the dorm section where he lived.

"He's one of a kind," said Morell. "All your own troubles seem to be nothing when you see Jimmy, and realize all that he's been through.

"He's somebody you always remember.

"Everybody who was in our section loved him like a brother, and we still do."

The Banacos Road Race still attracts people who knew him at the time of his accident. Magarian said that a nurse who took care of him in the hospital runs in the race almost every year.

The race is usually held in the fall, but Magarian said this year they wanted to hold it during the week of the Sesquicentennial celebrations at WSC.

In an attempt to attract more students to the race, a division for intramural relay teams has been established.

Renee Gawlinski, a senior who is helping to organize the race, said that a relay team must be made up of six people, with no more than one varsity member.

Anyone connected with the college, faculty, staff, and alumni, as well as students, is eligible to be a member of a relay team.

Because the race course is 6.2 miles long, each team member would run one mile, except for the last runner who would complete the final 1.2 miles.

Besides the relay team, there are also the following divisions:

1. Teams
2. Open Men
3. Open Women
4. Masters
5. Masters Women
6. WSC Men
7. WSC Women
8. Youngsters, 12 years and under

In the Team division, any group of at least three can form a team. The average time of the top three finishers on each team will determine the winner.

The relay team will begin the race at 12:30 while the rest of the runners will begin at 12:40.

"By having the relay team go off first," said Gawlinski, "we hope to avoid congestion at the mile marks."

Registration forms are available in the Intramural Office, Ely 231, until April 22. On the day of the race, April 24, participants will register beginning at 11:30 a.m.

The pre-registration fee is $5, and on race day registration will be $6.

Gawlinski said that T-shirts will be given to every participant.

Patti Boyd, a junior who is helping with the race, said that they are always looking for people to help on race day. Anyone interested in helping can call the Intramural Office at ext. 417.

The race is partially funded by the Student Senate Government, the Campus Activities Board, and the Intramural Board. Margarian said the money from these student organizations is used to purchase T-shirts and other supplies needed for the race.

The rest of the funds come from the registration fees.

"Whatever money is left over," said Magarian, "we send to Jimmy."

Westfield runner nears marathon goal

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By Karen Frawley

Some of us consider "exercise" to be dashing to the kitchen for a snack between commercials. Others are casual weekend athletes, while still others make exercise part of their daily regimen. Taking [illegible] one step further is the elite group of athletes who voluntarily put themselves through what [illegible] people who fit into the first category [illegible] and unusual punishment."

Westfield State students are not immune to the marathon bug. Many of the students here will be tuned in to the Boston Marathon on April 19th. A handful of Westfield students will even be among the entrants in the 26-mile race.

One Westfield runner who will be taking her place at the starting line in Hopkinton next week is sophomore Gina Ray. The Boston Marathon will be her first marathon, although she has been running competively, and with a good deal of success, for eight years.

The 19-year-old from Warwick, Mass., started her running career in junior high school, where she ran on the cross country team and averaged about six miles a day. From there it was on to Pioneer High School which had an outstanding track program even before Ray entered the scene. By the time she was a senior, Ray owned school records in the 1500, the mile, the 800, and the 880 meter races. She went undefeated in the 800 meter race for an entire season, and finished third in the Western Mass. Championship meet in the 1500 meter race in her senior year.

Sophomore Gina Ray, is currently training for the Boston Marathon on April 19.

Ray's athletic prowess was by no means confined to the track during her years at Pioneer. She was also a member of the cross country and field hockey teams and was a top guard for the school's basketball squad.

In fact, it was not track, but basketball that drew Ray to Westfield State as a freshman in 1986. She was recruited by Westfield's women's basketball coach Hilton White and started for the Owls for part of last season as a key ball handler. Last year [illegible] country and track teams, and elected [illegible] ers still running to be one of her [illegible]

What made her decide to run the marathon this year? "It's been a goal of mine for the past three or four years," she said. "If I can accomplish it, it would be a great feeling because it's been on my mind for so long. It's almost become a test of my strength as a runner and as a person."

Ray has set some definite goals in terms of racing time. "I'm shooting to finish between 3:10 and 3:30, with an [illegible] miles. I would like to do well enough to qualify for a number in my next marathon, which will be in Washington if I do well in Boston. I wanted Boston to be my first marathon because it's so traditional."

As far as training for the race is concerned, Ray said that the hardest part about it was that she had to train alone. "You get really tight and it's hard to keep going for the final miles sometimes, but you know you have to."

Ray said the mental mindset of the marathoner is crucial. She described her attitude as of two weeks before the race as "very positive, but a little scared and nervous about what to expect and how I will be able to take it."

Most runners attacking the Boston Marathon for the first time dread the point in the race called "Heartbreak Hill" at the 21-mile mark, and with just cause. Ray, however, said that she wasn't worried too much about [illegible] Hill. "Some [illegible] just running. The important thing is to [illegible] I plan on eating pizza and going to sleep early."

During her training Ray received plenty of advice from coaches and [illegible] up on new techniques in "Runner's World." She also draws on the Bible for inspiration. She is particularly fond of this verse from the Bible: "But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not faint."

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Softball season satisfying

That hasn't been a satisfying season for the Westfield State women's softball team, which has found many ways to win while posting a midseason record of 8-4.

After dropping a season-opening double header to Division II American International, the Lady Owls of veteran and wily coach Joyce O'Donnell posted seven victories in their next eight starts, including three league wins in four games.

The Lady Owls relied on strong pitching and timely hitting in their first several wins of the season, as they struggled at the plate with a team batting average near the .210 mark. The Owls have since found their hitting stroke with a .265 average after 10 games.

Junior Nina Vivenzio fired a one-hit shutout in Westfield's first win, a 1-0 triumph over Mt. Holyoke. Johanna Madge, who has played an almost flawless first base, drove in the winning run.

The Lady Owls rallied for four runs on four hits in the last inning for a come-from-behind 6-5 victory over Nichols to even their record. Pam Clark, one of two seniors on the squad, delivered the big blow, a two-run triple.

In their next game, the Owls made the most of their seven scattered hits to hold on for a 10-8 win over Coast Guard. Laurie Skiddell, Carolyn Malley and Renee Savage all drove in two runs.

The Lady Owls' biggest win of the season came on a cold day in Springfield when they edge WNEC, 6-3 in 10 innings. WNEC was 10-1 as of last week. Westfield broke a tight pitching duel between Vivenzio and WNEC fireballer Julie Curbelo with a five-run outburst in the 10th. Skiddell drove in the winning run and senior shortstop Cheryl Bassett followed with a two-run triple.

Westfield then opened conference play two weekends ago with three wins in four games. The Lady Owls handled Framingham, 12-3 in the opener, but lost the night cap, 13-12, as the Rams picked up their first win of the year.

In the opener, Clark led the 10-hit attack with a double and single, two RBI, three runs scored and two stolen bases. Westfield's speedy leadoff hitter is now 9-for-9 in stolen base attempts this season. Malley pounded a three-run triple and Bonnie Staniewicz rapped two singles. O'Donnell has been pleased with the play of Staniewicz, a junior catcher who is hitting .370 and is errorless behind the plate.

A five-run rally in the last inning of Westfield's walk-filled second game with Framingham fell just short. Skiddell, who is batting .333, rapped two singles and Karen Frustaci drove in three runs.

The Owls picked up two non-league wins the following day to complete their busy weekend. They defeated Western Connecticut, 14-3, in the opener with four hits and 18 walks, then pounded out 17 hits in winning the second game, 13-9.

Malley, who has six sacrifice bunts as the No. 2 batter, drove in three runs with a triple and two singles. Freshman outfielder Sue Cybulski, who was hitting .333, singled twice and drove in three runs. Staniewicz and Savage both had three hits. Savage, a junior third baseman, led the team as of last week with 10 hits and a .370 average.

Tracy Foley pitched effectively in two of the weekend wins and recorded two victories. The Westfield coach is optimistic that Foley, a sophomore, can give her squad the pitching depth it needs as it heads into the meat of its schedule. Vivenzio, the ace of the mound staff, had a 5-2 record with a 3.43 earned run average.

Lacrosse players give best shot

The Westfield State lacrosse players gave it their best shot, but came up a bit short in three close losses recently.

Two of the setbacks were to league opponents and they dimmed the Fighting Owls' chances of capturing an inaugural Pilgrim League championship. The Owls were 2-2 in the seven-team league heading into last Saturday's game against league opponent Babson.

The big game was played in Cambridge on April 9. The Owls batted first place MIT for four periods and three overtime sessions before falling, 11-10, with 13 seconds left in the third OT. Sophomore attacker Tim O'Neil flipped in five goals during the tough loss to pace the Owls. Tom Hefferman had two goals and three assists and freshman Steve Kerr tallied two goals and one assist.

The Owls' first league loss was at WNEC, a 10-8 decision to the Golden Bears. Westfield fell behind early and could never overtake the Bears, although they did tie the score at 6-6 early in the third period. Westfield dominated all the statistics except the most important one.

Jim O'Donnell, one of only three seniors on this year's team, scored two goals and recorded two assists. Kerr pumped in three goals and junior standout Robo Quinn finished with one goal and one assist.

The Owls saw a three-game winning streak snapped when they were dealt a 10-7 setback at Merrimack on April 5. The Owls led 3-0 after the first period before being outscored 10-4 over the final three stanzas. Robo led the way with three goals and one assist and O'Donnell totalled two goals and an assist.

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WSC baseball team has 'roller coaster season'

The Westfield State baseball team's performance thus far appears to be headed on the upswing following its three victories early last week, including two key Massachusetts State Conference contests.

In win championships, the Owls swept Mass Maritime, 3-2 and 2-0, and edged Eastern Conn. state, 7-6, last Tuesday night to up their record to 8-9.

The victory over perennial power East Conn was a big one, and it gave the Owls the confidence they need as they challenge for the State Conference championship. Jim Cronin also gave the Westfield pitching staff a shot in the arm with a stellar mound performance under the lights at Easter Conn. Cronin gave up just two walks and five hits as nine batters, Cronin, who retired the last 12 batters, struck out seven.

Dick Doyle led off the game with a home run to give the Owls a 1-0 lead. Eastern scored its only run in the bottom of the first, then Westfield scored on a sacrifice fly in the second, following first [illegible] run.

The highlight of the Mass Maritime sweep during the cold and blustery day at Bridgewater Bay was Joe [illegible] performance. In the opener, Bevins, a junior from [illegible], came back from the disabled list to pitch the game. He walked four, fanned three, and allowed only two hits as he let to the outfield, including a running catch by left fielder Dan Cosenzi to end the game. Bevey was aided by four double [illegible] during the seven-inning stint.

"He pitched a good game," said rookie coach Dennis Burns. "He kept the ball low most of the game, that's the most important thing. Performances like this should give our pitchers a lot of confidence."

Westfield received another solid pitching performance from [illegible] Anderson in the opener of Mass Maritime doubleheader. Anderson pitched shutout ball for six innings before losing control problems in the sixth inning.

"Our pitchers have been giving up too many walks (135 in the first 16 games)," said Burns. "Walks are what start big innings. As long as our pitchers get the ball across the plate I think we'll be all right."

The Owl pitchers' wildness woes were evident in six consecutive games following their highly successful southern trip in which they posted a 5-3 record. The Owls dropped five games by a total of six runs to AIC, Springfield, Nichols, and Framingham twice, along with a 21-4 shellacking to Amherst.

Two of the most disappointing losses were to Framingham in the conference openers last weekend. The Owls dropped the first game, 8-7 and were edged in the nightcap, 4-3.

"We [illegible] these two games," commented Burns.

Lou Lacivita pitched effectively in the second game, striking out four with no walks, but a fielding error with two outs and nobody on led to three unearned Framingham runs. In the extra-inning opener, Rick Locke struck out nine and held the Rams hitless for five of seven innings. But he walked seven and hit two batters, most coming during Fram's three-run second and four-run fifth.

Dan Cosenzi and Greg Roy, the self-proclaimed "Thunder and Lightning" duet of the heavy hitting Westfield team which carried a .289 batting average into last Thursday's game versus Rhode Island College, led the Owls to a pair of comebacks in the overtime loss at Framingham. The D.C. Rocker crushed two mammoth triples to drive in four runs, while Roy ripped two hits, including a two-out, two-run triple in the seventh.

"We have three [illegible] right now because we don't have a [illegible] field) fence at their field," lamented Burns.

Roy, a speedy senior shortstop from [illegible], is leading the Owls in hitting after 17 games with a .490 average (25-51). He had a slugging percentage of .776 with 9 doubles, two triples and one homer. Cosenzi was hitting .390 (23-59) with a .559 slugging percentage. Also over the magic .300 mark after 16 games were Doyle (.348) and Tony Tringali (.318). Roy was the team leader with 17 runs batted in followed by first baseman Tom Larson (15 RBI), D.C. (14) and Doyle (11).

Westfield travels to WNEC Wednesday, then hosts Worcester and Salem in conference clashes this weekend.

Letters

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Student clarifies ballfield remarks

An open letter to students, faculty, and administration of Westfield State College:

I would like to clarify a matter of concern that has been distorted in recent weeks regarding an article I wrote in a February edition of the OWL. In that article, which contained information on the near future of the new athletic field, Vice-President Garreth Lynch said "the field would be ready to play on in 15 working days."

I believe the article clearly indicated that those 15 days would begin when all the effects of winter were gone, i.e. snow and ice, and the field would begin its final stages of completion soon after. Nevertheless, there have been some contemptuous remarks made about "Lynch and his fifteen days." Any confusion regarding when those 15 days would begin and end was my fault, as Mr. Lynch made it very clear to me. The translation must have been awkward. I sincerely apologize for any misunderstanding that may have resulted in any ambiguity regarding the article.

Also, I would like to take the opportunity to say I admire Vice-President Lynch very much, as he was not only sincere, candid, and respectful in our meetings, but his concern for the students of Westfield State College showed prominently. I consider it a worthwhile endeavor for any student of the school to visit him. I am convinced his ultimate goal always concerns the students and welfare of WSC. I continually fail to see any shortcomings of his that his critics argue exists.

Sincerely,
Eric Martin

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Athlete of the Week

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This week's athlete of the week is baseball pitcher Jim Cronin. Cronin gave a stellar performance for the Owls in their big 2-1 win over powerhouse Eastern Conn. last week. He retired the last 12 batters and struck out seven in the miracle booster on the Westfield mound. Another impressive performance on the Westfield mound came from junior Joe Hevey, who handled a 7-inning no-hitter against Mass. Maritime, in the second game of a double header, a 2-0 win.

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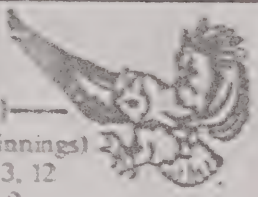

SOFTBALL (8-3)

WSC 6	WNEC 3 (10 innings)
WSC 12, 13	Framingham 3, 12
WSC 14, 13	West Conn 3, 9
WSC 12	Smith 6

** Next home game, April 23 vs Worcester, 1 pm

BASEBALL (7-9)

WSC 7, 3	Framingham 8, 4
WSC 8, 2	Mass Maritime 4, 0

LACROSSE (3-4)

WSC 8	WNEC 10
WSC 10	MIT 11 (OT)

Next home game, April 23 vs Springfield, 5:30 pm

TRACK

Westfield won last week's home met against Trinity, Coast Guard, Williams and Middlebury by four points (over Trinity).

Andy Fronczak qualified for Nationals in the hammer. Others to win their events were Pete Mole in the 200, Victor Gilmer in the 110 high hurdles, Miles Woodhouse in the 400 intermediate hurdles and Lance Campell in the 800 meters.

The women's team came in fourth among the women in the same meet. Felicia Byers set a school record in the shot put with a throw of 35'6½", good to qualify her for the ECAC competition.

Vicki Sullivan came in second in the high jump.

The WSC Department of Athletics is announcing two position openings;

Intramural Commissioner, Head official

and

Sport Supervisor - Intramural Athletics

Appointments are for September 1988

Call Kenneth Margarian, asst. Athletic Director for more information

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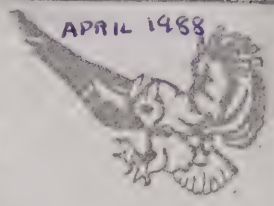

BASEBALL

WSC 2	NICHOLS 4
WSC 4	AMHERST 21

SOFTBALL

WSC 6	NICHOLS 5
WSC 10	COAST GUARD 8

LACROSS

WSC 10	MASS MARITIME 9 (OT)
WSC 7	MERRIMACK 10

TRACK

In the Westfield State relays held on April 2, Pete Mole won the 200 meter race, Paul Murphy won the 800 meter race, and Miles Woodhouse tied for first in the 400 meter hurdles.

In the women's competition, Felicia Byers placed third in the shot put.

EQUESTRIAN CLUB

Westfield's riders competed in their second show of the season on April 2nd. Paul Kane placed second in his first showing ever in the beginner Walk-Trot.

Tracy Stewart and Sheri Conley placed fourth in Advanced Walk-Trot and Class Five, respectively. Other club members who rode well in the show were Celeste Lareau, Tina Batista, Pam Morin, Lisa-Marie Armitage, and Julie Kunkel.

Marathon dream becomes reality

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By KAREN FRAWLEY

"When I finished, I wanted to cry because I was so happy that I actually ran the 26 miles. But I was so tired and so exhausted that no tears would come out."

Such are the words of Westfield State sophomore Gina Ray, who, as you may recall from an Owl article a few weeks ago, competed in the Boston Marathon on April 18.

Ray finished the 26.2 mile course in 3:56, and described the experience of competing in the marathon as unforgettable.

"It was a lot of pain and hard work, but it was definitely worth it, and I would do it again in a second — well, make that a couple of days," she said.

She prepared for the race the night before by driving through the course with friends to get a feel for the terrain and to set up places along the way where her friends would meet her and run along with her for awhile. She went home that night for pizza and a good night's rest.

Breakfast consisted of a banana and a carbohydrate drink, and then she was off to Boston to take her place among the throngs of unofficial runners at the starting like in Hopkinton.

Gilmer overcomes major hurdles

By Mickey Curtis, SID

Gilmer, a two-time All American high hurdler for the Running Owls, faced his biggest hurdle when he injury required major surgery to reconstruct the torn inside knee ligament, and it ended his playing season on the gridiron. It was the beginning of the determined Westfield senior's comeback to maintain his status as one of the top hurdlers in the NCAA Division III. A comeback Gilmer completed in early March of this year with a third place finish in the indoor national track championships at Smith College.

"The hardest part of the rehabilitation was the mental aspect," said Gilmer, recalling the frustrating exhausting months of therapy, and a doctor's words that said he could probably never run competitively again.

Gilmer received a lot of support and sound advice from Westfield State athletic personnel during his rehabilitation route of 1987. Larry Dowd, Westfield State assistant track and field coach, set up a weight lifting program for Gilmer to follow, which included leg extensions, weight training, and various other drills.

"We devised the training program for him but it was up to him to do the work," said the veteran coach of 20 years. "[illegible] remarkable and I think he can be better than the previous spring (in 1986, when Gilmer placed second in the state and eighth outdoors). He has a lot of determination to be better, and the ability to improve on his indoor showing."

Gravel saw the first signs of a successful comeback this past February at the All New England Championships when Gilmer [illegible] time in the 55 meter high hurdles by more than a full second. He later claimed the ECAC Division III championship, followed by his third place at nationals. "Victor improved dramatically once he got into the bigger meets," Gravel noted.

Gilmer [illegible] the expert guidance of Westfield State athletic trainer Rich Pierce. And when the going got rough for Gilmer, Pierce was there to offer [illegible]

"Rich helped me a lot," said Gilmer. "He was kind of funny [illegible] as to get started I could see it in his eyes that he was ready to say something. He always dropped a hint and let me know to set back and relax [illegible]"

Pierce, Gilmer praised for his patient for his perservance and patience in battling through the year of pain and rehabilitation.

"Most people don't have the perservance to follow through with the rehabilitation where they are [illegible] a credit to him that he did it.

"Success in cases like this is usually directed by rehabilitation, not a [illegible] ce, who noted that this type of knee [illegible] successful. "He was very good about following orders and patient about not overdoing it too soon. He kept with it took it one step at a time when I'm sure he felt like going for it.

Photos Mickey Curtis SID

Victor Gilmer

Ironically, the injury may have been a blessing in disguise. Because of the intensive weight training, which all agree was the key to the recovery, Gilmer's legs are now stronger than before the injury.

"I feel much stronger than before because of the weight training," said Gilmer. "And now it's kind of an albatross because if I don't do it I'm in trouble. I have to continue lifting three days a week to compete."

Gilmer says the near crippling injury also has shown him what it takes to be a champion. There's a fine line between placing in and winning a championship, and in most cases the athletes work the hardest come out on top.

I very pleased with my third place at the indoors," said Gilmer. "It's given me the incentive to go for first place. I never finished that close before and I was only one-hundredths of a second out of second place, and a tenth of a second out of first. I know I can make that up by working just a little but harder."

Gilmer likes his chances at the outdoor championships in late May because the race, which is twice as far as indoors, suits his running style of powerful and long strides.

"If I keep the intensity I have and stay healthy, I'm very confident I can win," he said.

Gilmer, who no doubt has been an inspiration to his teammates, also looks for a strong showing from the Westfield State team at nationals.

"I think we can win the team title if we keep working hard," he said. "We placed 10th at the indoors, and this is the best team we've had since my freshman year. We have a lot of talented people."

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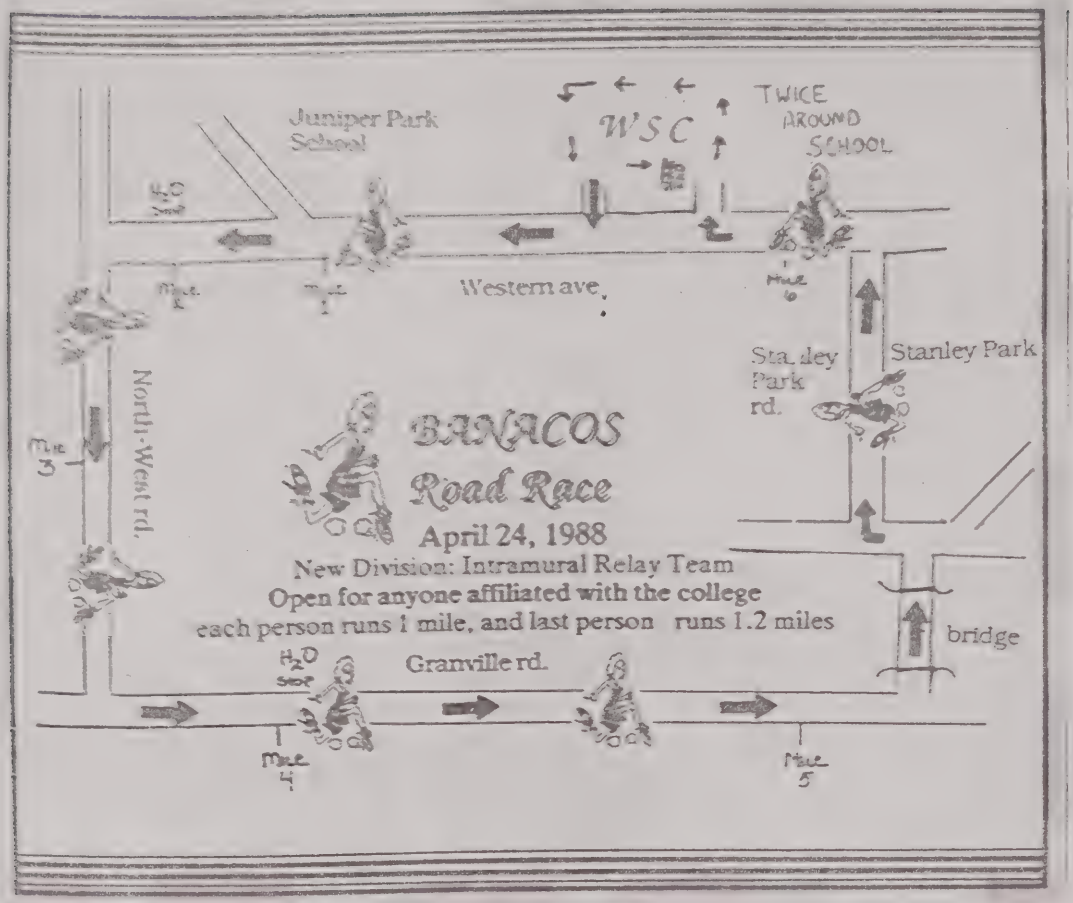

INTRAMURAL SPORTS

STREET HOCKEY '88 THRU 4/11

NORTH		SOUTH	
P. Shamrocks	4-0	Soviets	5-0
A. Feet	3-0	Drillers	5-0
P. Necklace	2-1-1	ZOG	2-0
Rockets	2-2-1	G-Spots	2-2
Oh. Surfers	1-2-1	A. Vehicle	2-3
MD USA	1-1	No Names	1-3-1
S. Batch	0-1-1	J. Jisamites	0-2-3
Dynamo	1-3-1	F. Irish	0-2-2
Corona's	1-3		
H. Bros.	0-3		
EAST		**WOMEN WEST**	
B. Bros.	4-0-1		
R. Rebels	4-0		
Volleyers	2-0	H. Dubas	2-0-2
T. Bako	2-1	Bakers	2-0-1
B. Rats	1-1-1	F. Shock	2-0-1
P. Flaps	1-3	Spanky's	2-1-1
Jays	0-1	Glovers	2-2
Dawgs	0-1	Bruisers	1-2-1
Prussians	0-2	Keggers	0-3
69'ers	0-3		

Excel beat the Faculty in the 5-on-5 Basketball Championship Game on March 27. Inside domination and the great games played by Steve Smith and Greg Bigda put Excel ahead at the start, and although the game was never very close, the shooting of Mickey Curtis kept the game respectable.

THE OWL SCOREBOARD

SOFTBALL 9-5

WSC 2	Fitchburg 1
WSC 4	Fitchburg 7

BASEBALL 11-9

WSC 2	East Conn. 1
WSC 9	Fitchburg 5
WSC 15	Fitchburg 8

LACROSSE 5-5

WSC 8	Williams 15
WSC 10	Babson 5
WSC 9	Nichols 4

EQUESTRIAN CLUB

Freshman Jenn Coba ended her first year on the Equestrian team by placing first in her Advanced Walk-Trot class at the university of Conn. on April 16. Christine Litchfield took second in Beginner Walk-Trot, and Colleen Hughes placed third in that class. Tracy Stewart and Paul Kane placed fourth in Class 2 and 1, respectively. Tina Batista and Sheri Conley placed fifth in Advanced Walk-Trot and Novice Horsemanship. Senior Club President Trish Robbins had a strong showing in the final show of her college career.

Four-year starter takes charge on field

By KAREN PRAWLUK

"I think everyone should play a sport — [illegible] budget my time. Sports do take up a lot [illegible] do well in school, I make the time to get my work done, too. I goof around more in the [illegible] have more time on my hands."

Sounds logical, doesn't it? It should, coming, as it does, from a person who [illegible] places becoming a lawyer high on her list of goals. It all goes according to plan for Westfield Senior Cheryl Bassett, she will be [illegible] career to finish up at Westfield State. That [illegible] starred in not one, but three sports: soccer, [illegible] and softball at East Longmeadow, High School.

[illegible] those sports at East Longmeadow High. In soccer, she made the All-state team senior year. In basketball, she was on the All-Western Mass second team for both her junior and senior years, and among her accolades in softball were team MVP, All-Conference, and All-Western Mass spot.

The multi-talented athlete chose to attend Westfield State College mainly because of its Criminal Justice department, but she admits that sports were also a consideration.

"I wanted to go somewhere I could play both basketball and softball," Bassett said. "The only way I could do that was if I attended a Division III school, because I knew I wasn't good enough to play basketball on a Division II level."

She was, however, good enough to start in many of Westfield's basketball games during her two seasons on the team. Injuries kept her off the starting five, and those injuries were eventually what forced her to stop playing basketball and concentrate on softball, where she has been a four-year starter.

[illegible] a freshman on the [illegible] was not something that [illegible] Bassett's leg. After the team's first [illegible] all weeks of practice, Coach [illegible] decided to start the freshman. Bassett was the senior who had held that position for three seasons. The senior went to the bench, and Bassett assumed the shortstop position that she will then year [illegible] as a freshman. Taking the nod over that senior when she was just a freshman was a particularly sweet victory for Bassett.

"When I was a freshman in high school, there was a senior at shortstop. I didn't beat her out for the sport, so I got bumped to catcher. When I came to Westfield, I saw the same sort of situation and I decided that it wouldn't happen again. I worked hard, and the coach was fair about it."

Coach O'Donnell knew a good thing when she saw it, because Bassett went out that season to be named to the MASCAC All-Conference team.

Last year, Bassett earned some recognition from the academic circle as well, as she [illegible] to the GTE-COSIDA Academic All-American 3rd team.

Bassett said that all of the sports she's played, softball is my first love. She also finds that softball involves more pressure on the individual than does other sports. "It's a team-oriented game, but it is also very individual because when the ball comes to you or when you step up to the plate, it's all up to you."

Over the past four years, the team has looked to Bassett more than a few times to come through when it "was all up to her." Her last season's average of .402 at the plate reveals how seldom she fell below her teammates' expectations.

Not only does Bassett carry out her own duties on the team, she also is there to help the other players do theirs. Shortstop, she has to be ready to field the many balls hit to her area, and she also talks to the other players before each play to make sure that they know what to do as well.

"Calling out the plays makes it easier for everyone because then we know what to do as a group situation. I always say to Karen 'second baseman's number' 'let's turn two' for example, which means that we'll go for the double play. I also will call out the number of outs and things like that. I like to take charge on the field, and I think I would [illegible] Monty.

Bassett's role on the team has changed during her career at shortstop. As captain, and one of the team's two seniors, she is called upon to set an example for the other players both on and off the field. She says that is easy to do because the players all get along well and have a good time on the field.

As far as her personal goals for the remainder of her time at Westfield, Bassett hopes to be named to the MASCAC all-conference team for the first time since her freshman year, and she also would like to make the GTE-COSIDA Academic All-America first team.

According to Bassett, the team's outlook for the rest of the season is optimistic. Last season, they won the ECAC tournament, and although they lost eight players to graduation, Bassett feels they can take the success one step further and make it to the Nationals. To qualify for Nationals, a team must win its conference and collect a certain number of quality points in games played outside the conference.

Despite the lost seniors, a few of players, Bassett said that the team seems just as strong, with an improvement in batting and in the outfield. So far this season, the Owls are 8-3.

Senior softball player Cheryl Bassett has been starting for the Owls for four years, and has been starting at shortstop and at the plate for each of those years.

Bassett plans on playing softball "just for fun" when she graduates this year. She advises younger players to work hard. "Hard work is what makes good players. Softball isn't a sport where natural talent counts for everything — there's always room for improvement, no matter what."

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Track team previews continued

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Because of lack of space, the following names were omitted from last week's stories on the mens' and womens' track teams.

Men:

Sophomore Miles Woodhouse will be another cornerstone of the hurdling and relay teams, specializing in the 400 meter intermediate hurdles. Woodhouse is also one of the members of the All-American indoor relay team.

Middle distances is popular with the Westfield runners. Members of the team who will be competing in either the 400 or 800 meter races are freshman Lance Campbell (had a fourth place finish at the indoor nationals), Paul Murphy, John Desforge, and Mole (members of the indoor All American relay squad), sophomore Curtis Alston, and Jeff Cahill.

Moving on to the distance crew, the members of which competes in the 1500, the 300 meter steeplechase, the 5000 meter and 10000 meter races, Westfield will boast four runners from this year's national qualifying cross country team. They are seniors Gregg Callahan and Steve Fleming, junior Steve Goebel, and sophomore Chris Kiatos. Other long distance runners for the Owls will include sophomore Kevin O'Brien, freshman Mark Curry, and sophomore Ken Collamore.

Taking care of the throwing duties for Westfield are All American Andy Frenczak, and sophomore Glenn Kasparian, who will be hurling the hammer, discuss and shot put.

Rounding out the field event squad are Westfield's jumpers. These include Woodhouse and Smith in the triple, Smith in the long jump, freshmen Kevin Cass and Bill Silvia in the high jump, and sophomore Dave Ostrabinski, in the pole vault.

Women:

Christine Curcio, a sophomore, is a versatile athlete who participates in the sprints and jumps. Last season she was a key part of the 4x10 relay team.

Junior Debbie Lievi is another long distance runner who participated on the cross country team. Lievi will be competing in the 3000 and 5000 meter races.

Lynch: Play ball!

By ERIC MARTIN

The new athletic field, the opening of which has been delayed for much of the baseball team's season, is now acceptable and ready to be played on, according to Vice President of Administration Garreth Lynch and the landscape architect Ben Gary.

"The field is perfectly acceptable, and I feel it's very nice. Each year the field will only get better," said Lynch.

Lynch said the delay of the opening was because he "wanted a first-class facility for the underclassmen."

Some minor details, such as the upgrading of foul poles and gates, need to be addressed, but all in all the field is more than fit for occupancy, he added.

Lynch was adamant about getting the field in use this year, because he felt seniors should be the first to christen the field.

"I am bound and determined to get those seniors on that field," said Lynch. "I consider it a personal goal."

The sod is brand new, and should have the upmost attention paid to it, but that should not influence whether the seniors play on it, Lynch said.

According to a letter Lynch sent President Buchen on April 15, "The new sod on the base paths of both fields is still tender, and Mr. Gary, the landscaper, and the contractor all agreed that use should be limited to one practice before each home game, and the playing of that home game or double header. Lynch said his desire is for the field to be first used on Sunday, April 24. WSC is scheduled for a double header vs. Salem State then.

The memorandum goes on to say that other practices should be held on the main campus. Also, the landscaper has guaranteed the repair or replacement of any damaged sod. He has further guaranteed the growth of newly seeded areas and will make repair visits on demand, without fee.

Both Lynch and Gary exchanged compliments as to each other's handling of the field during its building stages.

"Mr. Gary's been great," said Lynch. "If there was a problem, or I needed him, he simply jumped in his car and came out."

Lynch also made note of Westfield State's commitment to the athletic facilities in his memo to Buchen.

"This office has provided $690,000 of capitol outlay improvements to athletic facilities since 1985. We await $980,000 more for new astroturf. A total of $1.67 million in athletic upgrades seems a significant commitment to our athletic program worthy of some small appreciation," the memo reads.

Some of the improvements slated are above ground dugouts for both the baseball team and the girl's softball team.

A permanent irrigation system is also being considered, as well as the purchase of new and better lawnmowers.

"The field is beautiful, a sponge-like carpet," Lynch said. "I'm really excited for the seniors."

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INTRAMURAL SPORTS

INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL THRU 4/26

G-Spots	4-0
Quillers	4-2
P. Necklace	4-3
F. Fish	3-2
Coronas	2-2
NoNames	2-2
Tuna Melts	2-4-1
[illegible]	1-4
Zap	0-5-1

[illegible]	5-0
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Jays	1-3
T. Bako	1-3
TDBs	1-5

WEST	
Drillers	4-1
Slugs	4-1
Dogs	3-1
R. Cajun	2-2
Soaks	2-3
H. Bros	1-2
MD USA	1-2-1
F Irish	1-3
Bates All-Stars	0-5

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Slushes	[illegible]
Bakers	0-1
Hmm...Bud	0-4

WEST	
Baxtids	5-0
[illegible]	4-1
Keggers	3-2
Killer B's	3-2
Esad II	3-3
WATB	2-2
A Slamahs	1-3
P.Pets	0-4
Trouble	0-5

4th Annual Run For A Noble Cause

5K Road Race

April 30, 1988

10:00 a.m.

Noble Hospital, Westfield

Teams Welcome

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WSC having successful spring season

BY MICKEY CURTIS SID

[illegible] team all are having successful seasons and eyeing playoff possibilities as they head into the home-stretch. The golf and track and field teams are looking to fare well in [illegible] are still in the East region playoff hunts.

Here's a quick rundown of Westfield State's spring sports:

GOLF: The Owl golfers of veteran coach John Kurty placed high in all of their spring competitions and are now waiting for an invitation to the NCAA Division III national championships in North Carolina.

If the Owls receive the invite, which will be announced this week, it will become the first Westfield golf team to earn a trip to nationals.

"I think we have a good shot at making nationals," said Kurty. "We've been ranked 12th or 13th in the nation all year and we're the second best Division III school in [illegible]

We opened [illegible] spring golf season by placing seventh in the Roger Salem State tournament last week. Kevin Pingel led the Owls [illegible] Two of its starting five because of [illegible]

The Owls were ranked 10th out of 16 teams in the Massachusetts Intercollegiate Golf Association standings [illegible] 329, four shots out of second place. Westfield moves [illegible] with an 80.

[illegible] Spring Lees at the Tim England Championship in the Cape, where they played [illegible] field that included Division I and II schools. Dean Gedek led WSC with a 157 (84, 73). Nichol shot a 162 (85, 82).

[illegible] The harriers entered their record at 6-6 overall with a 12-0 [illegible] at Salem State. Last Wednesday, The Owls [illegible] a winning season with home victories over Fitchburg (Wednesday, May 4) and Worcester (Saturday, May 7).

Turning in an outstanding performance in the wins was [illegible] Pat Smith. Smith, in his first start, stopped five shots in recording the rare shutout. Jim O'Donnell, one of three seniors on this year's team, pumped in five points in the victory. He now has 39 points on the season.

Leading scorer Robo Quinn (10 goals, 22 assists) totaled four points in the game along with Tom Heffernan. The win was especially gratifying because it followed a 21-9 [illegible] at Division II rival Springfield College. Westfield had led Springfield 6-3 with five minutes left in the first half when the Chiefs went on the warpath to score eight unanswered goals over the next three [illegible]

Freeman Jackson [illegible] Craig Schermerhorn led Westfield to a second-place tie in the Pilgrim League. The Owls, Mary Hitchcock and Western New England College all finished with 4-2 records. MIT won the championship of the first-year league with a surprising 12-1 win at Mass Maritime last week.

SOFTBALL: The softball squad is making a strong bid to defend its [illegible] championship with a 14-7 record heading into last Saturday's key conference double header at Bridgewater.

The Lady Owls of crafty coach Joyce O'Donnell strengthened their playoff chances with an exciting 3-2, 9-innings victory over Springfield College last Wednesday. Springfield pulled out a 6-3 victory in the nightcap, but Westfield was satisfied to come away with a split against its area Division II rival.

Nina Vivenzio turned a strong pitching performance in the Springfield win to boost her record to 11-3. The [illegible] pitcher allowed nine hits and walked four, two in the first frame of the [illegible] game. [illegible] three in the nightcap, but all three runs were [illegible]

Team play has been the key of the Lady Owls' success. Four players with batting [illegible] — Renee Savage, Johanna Madge, Karen Fruzzetti and Bonnie Staniewicz — while three more starters, Carolyn Malley, [illegible] and Cheryl Barrett, were above .280. Westfield is expecting more run production in the final weeks as Bassett, their senior star shortstop, boosted her average nearly 100 points to .288 following an early season slump.

Malley leads the conference with 34 runs batted in and has an incredible 14 sacrifices this season. Center fielder Pam Clark, one of only two seniors on this year's team, has driven in 17 runs in the leadoff position. She's stolen a league-high 12 bases in 13 attempts.

BASEBALL: This will definitely be a season to remember for the baseball team. It's been a year of off-the-field frustrations and long busrides, but more often than not it's been a winning one.

After dropping six straight games, five by six runs, following their 5-3 southern trip, the Owls ripped off [illegible] straight victories. A team batting [illegible] with .300 and solid pitching keyed the win skein which boosted their record to 14-11 and 6-3 in the conference heading into last Saturday's [illegible]

The Owls finally had their winning streak snapped by Salem State in a second game of a double header played at the Westfield Vocational high school field on April 24. Westfield suffered a 5-3 loss despite outhitting the Vikings, 12-6.

Westfield lost its second in a row on April 26, by an 8-2 score to New Haven, ranked eighth in the nation in Division II. Leading 3-2, New Haven broke open the game in the seventh inning.

Leading the Owls' hit brigade have been Dan Cosenzi and Greg Roy. The Rocket Man was hitting .429 last week with 25 runs batted in, while Roy had a .425 batting average and a .725 slugging percentage. Hitting over .300 were Dick Doyle (.361), Tony Tringali (.309) and Pete Nadeau (.304).

Junior Rick Locke led the Owl pitching staff with a 4-2 record, 1.95 ERA, and 47 strikeouts. Locke's best outing of the season was a three-hit, 11 strikeout effort in a 2-1 win over Salem. Also turning in solid mound performances in recent weeks were Lars Lambros, Jim Cronin, Pat Herlihy, Tom Frederick, Joe Hovey and Bob Anderson.

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Banacos: 'One hell of a race'

MAY 1988

by DENISE ACOSTA

The Banacos Road Race may not have attracted a lot of runners, but the few who ran on April 24 were fast.

Most of the 31 participants in the race honoring former WSC student Jimmy Banacos crossed the one-mile mark in under seven minutes.

Bruce Labonte, [illegible] the 10K course first, with a time of 37:10. "The first two loops around the faculty were quick," said Labonte.

When Labonte was a student at WSC he ran the course to train for track, but he had never run it in a race.

"It (the race course) wasn't too bad," said Labonte. "It was fun but it was a real workout, too."

[illegible] said that he was very pleased with the organization of the race, but he missed having a pace car ahead of him.

"With a pace car," he said, "the front runner doesn't have to think about where he has to go, he just follows the car."

Labonte said it would have been nice if more people had participated in the race.

Most of those who did participate agreed that the race was very well organized and that the course was challenging.

[illegible], described it as "one hell of a course," but he managed to complete it in just over 39 minutes.

Photo by Val Short

And they're off...The annual Banacos Cup Road Race began in front of Parenzo Hall April 24. Participants in the 6.2 mile race either ran alone or in a six-person relay team.

Former WSC student Pamela Hall McGalpin took the open women's division with her time of 39:46. She was the 11th runner to finish the race.

Bob Blount, head of circulation-services in the WSC library, 44, won the men's masters division in 37 minutes and 11 seconds.

The women's masters division was won by Donna McCarthy, 40, with a time of 45:46.

"The course was very pretty," said McCarthy. "The race was very nice and very well run."

Ann Franczyk, 35, the third woman to cross the finish line, said, "The course was tough, but the hill wasn't as bad as people say."

"The hill" is a short steep hill that ends just before the three mile point in the race. It is described as "short and nasty" on the [illegible] provided by the race organizers.

Renee Gawlinski, one of the race organizers, said that she was very pleased with the race.

"It went really well," she said. "The weather held out, and I think everything went [illegible]. The help we got from the students was fantastic, and I'm looking forward to next year."

Gawlinski said that she was pleased with the [illegible] Team division which was new this year.

Four intramural teams, made up of six runners each, participated in Sunday's race.

Each team member had to run one mile with the last runner completing the final 1.2 miles.

"Woronoco West" won the division when Mark Curry crossed the finish line with a team time of 31 minutes and 59 seconds.

"Thirty Plus" finished the race in a moment of glory when the six members crossed the line together.

The team consisted of six female members of WSC faculty and staff. They completed the race in one hour, nine minutes, and 53 seconds.

"It was fun," said team member Catherine Lilly. "It was good to know we could do it."

Race director, Ken Magarian, said that he was very pleased with everything about the race.

"Things went very well," he said. "We try to have things there that runners like — accurate splits and a good finish line.

"Without the students to help, there wouldn't be a race."

SOFTBALL

NORTH	
G-Spots	7-1
Filet of Fish	6-2
Coronas	5-3
Quiffers	5-3
P. Necklace	5-3
SOUTH	
Dynamo	7-1
B. Bros.	6-2
Soviets	4-2-1
Jerry's Kids	4-4
P-Flaps	4-4
EAST	
Dawgs	7-2
R. Rebels	5-2
Rockets	6-2
P. Shamrocks	5-2
A.H. Vehicle	5-5
WEST	
Slugs	7-0-1
Drillers	5-0-2
R. Cajun	4-3-1
Soaks	3-3
Dogs	3-3

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Peter Laviolette, a 1986 Westfield State graduate and a member of the 1988 United State Olympic hockey team, has changed uniforms and is now playing for the New York Rangers' top minor league team in Denver, Colorado. Laviolette joined the Denver Rangers along with two of his U.S. teammates immediately following the Olympics, and he helped to lead them to a first place finish in their division with a 44-35 record. Laviolette, a defenseman, played in 19 games and scored two goals and five assists. The New York Rangers had planned to bring Laviolette up to their parent club late in the season, but he was sidelined with a broken rib and they had to cancel their plans. Laviolette and his Denver Ranger teammates are currently competing in the postseason playoffs.

PILGRIM LEAGUE LACROSSE STANDINGS STATISTICS

APRIL 1988

TEAM	LEAGUE RECORD	OVERALL RECORD
MIT	4-0	6-1
Mass Maritime	3-1	4-1
Western New England	2-1	6-2
Westfield	3-2	4-5
Babson	1-2	4-5
Curry	0-3	2-3
Nichols	0-4	1-5

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

MIT 10, Trinity 6
MIT 9, Curry 4
Williams 15, Westfield 8
Westfield 10, Babson 5
WNEC 15, Vassar 6
WNEC 13, Nichols 9
WNEC 8, Norwich 4
Babson 9, Bentley 6
Babson 6, Nichols 5

PILGRIM LEAGUE INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

LEADING SCORERS	GAMES	GOALS	ASSISTS	POINTS
Christian Strom (Babson)	9	23	13	36
Scott Aitken (WNEC)	8	27	7	34
Robo Quinn (Westfield)	9	15	18	33
Tim O'Laughlin (Nichols)	6	20	10	30
Jim O'Donnell (Westfield)	9	16	13	29
Tim O'Neal (Westfield)	9	17	3	20

GOALIE STATISTICS	GAMES	SAVES	SAVES %	GOALS	GAA	W-L
Mike Gaidis (MIT)	7	71	62%	45	6.4	6-1
Bill Maranz (Babson)	8	54	54%	46	6.64	3-5
Brad Lilian (WNEC)	8	108	65%	57	7.6	6-2
Kevin Driscoll (Curry)	5	95	69%	43	8.6	2-3
Mike Crowell (Mass Maritime)	5	83	67%	40	8.0	4-1
Bob Fleming (Westfield)	9	80	60%	87	9.6	4-5

Women's Varsity Tennis

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Thursday, May 5th - 3:30

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THE OWL SCOREBOARD

SOFTBALL (14-9)

WSC 2	Worcester 8
WSC 9,11	Salem 4,6
WSC 3,6	Springfield 2,3

BASEBALL (14-11)

WSC 11	Worcester 0
WSC 2,3	Salem 1,5
WSC 2	U New Haven 8

LACROSSE (6-6)

WSC 9	Springfield 21
WSC 12	U Mass Boston 0

GOLF

Seventh in Salem State Invitational. Fifth in Mass. Intercollegiate Tourn. Eighth out of thirty-nine in NE Championships All Division

TRACK

WESTFIELD STATE INVITATIONAL!

Men's first place finishes: Andy Fronczak(hammer), Kevin Cass (long jump), Steve Gaebel (1500 meters), Brian Winter (javelin), Paul Murphy (800 meters), Pete Mole (200 meters), Kevin Cass (high jump), 4X110 relay team.

Kevin O'Brien was third in the 5000 meter race and John Desforge, Curtis Alston, and Miles Woodhouse took second, third and fourth place respectively in the 400 meters.

Women's second place finishes: Lisa Weinberg (shot put), Susan O'Malley (100 meters). Thirt Place finishers: Felicia Byers (shot put), Kristen Sarvar (long jump), Vicki Sullivan (400 meters), Barbara Macneil (100 meters), Christine Cucio (200 meters), Stephanie Myles (100 meters). Fourth place finisher: Debbie Lievi (3000 meters).

Banacos Cup Standings

MAY 1988

TEAM	FB	S	VB	BB	B	WP	TOTAL
MEN:							
G-Spots	41	26	29	38	42	44	220
P. Flaps	29	35	41	25	25	28	183
Soviets	26	41	-	42	25	38	172
B. Bros	25	25	26	-	28	25	129
Drillers	26	26	26	25	-	25	128
Rebels	25	29	-	25	-	25	109
Shamrocks	26	-	-	28	40	-	94
Coronas	25	25	-	42	-	-	92
Zog	-	25	35	25	-	-	85
Volleyers	-	26	-	28	25	-	79
	FB	S	VB	BB			SUB TOTAL
WOMEN:							
H. Dubas	41	41	27	41			150
Spanky's	35	31	41	35			142
Shock	29	26	31	25			111
Keggers	-	26	-	25			51
R. Child	25	-	25	-			50
A. Slamahs	-	-	37	-			37
B. Crew	-	35	-	-			35
W.F.A.	29	-	-	-			29
W. Crew	-	29	-	-			29
WATB	-	-	27	-			27

Jerry Gravel: A big boost to Westfield State athletes

By DON CONKEY

WESTFIELD — Perhaps the best way to describe Jerry Gravel is that he got a testimonial dinner without being close to retirement.

"It was just basically a thank-you for everything he's done for athletes," Jim Peters described, "not only as a coach, but as a friend and a mentor."

The official reason that Gravel was recently honored with the surprise reunion dinner was that he's in his 20th year as track coach at Westfield State College.

But after listening to Peters, one gets the feeling that the people close to Gravel don't really need an official reason to throw Gravel a party. They'd come to honor him anytime, anyplace.

"He has a very special relationship with athletes that outsiders can't really appreciate and don't understand," told Peters, who coaches track at Southwick High School and who was an athlete and an assistant coach with Gravel at WSC. "There is is a unity that I have never experienced before in athletics. It's a relationship that is very special to me ... and I feel that I can speak for everyone who ever put commitment into the program under Jerry Gravel."

Apparently many people have put in such commitment. Gravel began building track and cross country programs almost from scratch 20 years ago, and they have become among the most respected Division III programs in the nation.

The cross country team quickly reached success, winning the New England state college championship in 1972. That year, Gravel's track team also produced its first qualifier for the NCAA championships — Jim Tierney, in the 400 meter hurdles — and when Gravel brings four athletes to this week's nationals, WSC's 20-year total will have reached 113, with 25 All-Americans.

It is success and respect that Gravel has developed through an unwavering philosophy. On his teams, the individual's performance always takes precedence over the team's performance.

"Maximize potential of individuals," as Gravel describes, "try to get them to achieve high level competition — and that influences the rest of the people on the team.

"The emphasis has been individual progress. And as a result of that, you're able to attract good people."

It is a philosophy that has not changed, he says, because "when athletes come here, and they can see that they can work toward their individual goals, a unique team aspect develops. A lot of people with common interests develop the team aspect. So we have a lot of strong camaraderie.

"I think it's because they have the opportunity to work towards goals that are important to them personally. And they see other people doing the same thing, so they lend support to one another."

With, of course, the central stabilizing point being Gravel. He believes he has changed somewhat over the 20 years — he regrets, for instance, that as the team has grown he has had less time to give each person as much personal time as he like — but those same people will tell you that Gravel should regret nothing.

That he really hasn't changed much at all.

That he has always been able to find time for anyone who has needed it.

And that he's always found time to tell his jokes.

"Life is a game, really. They need to understand that. The more realistic they look at things, the better off it's going to be for them."

His remaining goals? An individual national champion. An individual Olympic qualifier. A team that is ranked within the top five nationally in Division III. Goals, he says, that are realistic within five years.

But while it's nice to have goals as a measure of future success, it's also nice to know that you've been successful getting to where you are now.

Jerry Gravel found out a lot about success not long ago when he walked into a room and found some familiar faces.

Staff photo by Vin D'Addario

E JOB — Westfield State College track coach Jerry Gravel, metimes doubles as equipment manager, puts a hurdle in

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Nine sports dropped at Westfield State

3/8/89 Republican-News

By JERRY RADDING

Westfield State College yesterday announced that nine of the school's 22 varsity sports teams will be dropped at the end of the school year because of inadequate funding.

The announcement of the major athletic cutback was made by Dr. Randolph Bromery, Westfield State's interim president.

The teams which will be eliminated are ice hockey, men's lacrosse, men's and women's tennis, men's and women's volleyball, men's golf, men's gymnastics and men's indoor track.

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Bromery made his decision to suspend the sports based on recommendations from Director of Athletics Paul Bogan and an athletic council made up of faculty members, administrators and students.

Bogan reported that the athletic budget falls far short of the money needed to maintain a 22-sport program for the 1989-90 school year. The current budget for the 22 sports is $361,862. The budget includes a $113.50 athletic fee paid by each of the approximately 2,800 full-time students equaling $317,000 and a surplus from last year's budget.

Following this semester, there will be only a small surplus remaining in the athletic trust fund at the college, according to Bogan. And without an athletic fee increase to cover the escalating costs in the every-day expenses of maintaining a 22-sport program, he recommended the suspensions.

"Running the athletic program with barely enough funds is a disservice to the athletes and the college," said Bogan.

Bromery said that there should be no athletic fee increase this year because state tuition costs are too high. "It was my intent that for all of the fees that we charge the students, to keep the athletic fee from being increased," he said. "That means everybody has to try to operate on what they have this year.

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"There are some things we can't control, like tuition, etc., and I just feel that the cost for the students has continued to go up over the past several years and it's becoming more difficult on the middle-class students.

"I'd rather do half as much with athletics in a quality way than do everything in a mediocre way. I want quality programs.

"The state budget was so tight this year, we had to give back money — and it doesn't look like the crisis is going to stop. The likelihood of state monies going into the athletic budget appears to be nil."

Bromery, however, doesn't discount the possibility of restoring

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Inadequate funds prompt Westfield State to drop 9 sports

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some of the dropped sports in the future.

"We may take another look at the situation next fall," he said. "Who knows? We could bring back some of the sports we lost or drop some of the ones we kept."

The last athletic fee increase at Westfield State was $25 two years ago. At the time, Bogan asked for $50.

Another increase of $50 was requested last fall, but it was voted down by the Student Senate.

All the coaches involved with the teams that will be eliminated are employed by Westfield State on a part-time basis. The school does not have any full-time coaches. The only permanent members of the athletic staff are Bogan and assistant athletic director Ken Magerian.

Men's lacrosse, coached by Bradley Carr, and men's golf, coached by John Kurty, will be participating for the last time this spring.

The 12 sports being retained are football, men's and women's basketball, baseball, men's and women's soccer, men's and women's cross country, softball, women's swimming, men's and women's outdoor track and field, hockey.

Westfield State will still be a member of the Massachusetts State College Conference, competing in 11 of the league's 13 sports.

"My own philosophy has always been to follow the philosophy of the Division II of the NCAA, which is having a broad-based athletic program," said Bogan. "For 26 years, we have followed that philosophy and for the past 21 years, the student bodies have responded with enthusiasm, commitment and financial support. We now need the support of the commonwealth more than ever.

"There was no magic formula to decide which sports should be suspended and which should stay," said Bogan. "The factors we did look at were overall participation, available on-campus facilities, the ratio of men to women sports, cost per athlete and conference affiliations."

According to Bogan, men's hockey is the most expensive for the sports being dropped, costing about $28,000 a year.

The Owls recently completed a 2-20 season and have won only five games over the past three years. Since Westfield State does not have its own facility, the team practiced and played its games at Holyoke's Fitzpatrick Arena.

"I only see this happening at Westfield," said two-year coach Bob Badone yesterday. "We were running on a shoe-string budget compared to the other schools in our league.

"We weren't even sure until August we were having a team this year. The kids are disappointed — they went through a lot the last two years."

While other state colleges in Western Massachusetts are feeling the economic pinch, there are no plans for elimination of teams.

At Springfield Technical Community College, men's basketball, men's and women's soccer, baseball and men's golf will continue.

"We cut out women's basketball — but that was because of lack of interest," said Director of Athletics Vin Grassetti. "Otherwise, we've cut a few corners like booking fewer games and eliminating some assistant coaches.

"But we don't anticipate any further cuts next year."

North Adams State AD Joe Zavattaro says, "Everybody's feeling the crunch but right now, we have no plans to cut out teams."

North Adams maintains only 11 varsity sports.

"We feel a ripple effect from the state cuts, but we've got seven sports and we're not planning on cutting any of them out," said Ray Gollah, the athletic director at Holyoke Community College.

"Our athletic program is based on enrollment and unless there's a radical drop next year, we expect our program to stay the same."

Westfield State's 11 varsity teams gave the school, which has a physical education major, the largest program in the Massachusetts State College Conference. Salem State was second with 10 sports.

"I think it's sad," concluded Bogan about the situation. "It's a step backwards. With all the problems we have with alcohol and drugs, we should be adding sports, not dropping them."

1988-1989

Hammering home the virtue of patience

by KAREN BRADLEY

Andy Fronczak is a member of [illegible] team, but he [illegible] while actually competing, not would he claim that he is a [illegible] enjoyed considerable success in his four-year career at Westfield, not in the running events, but in the field [illegible] with the emphasis on [illegible] hammer throw.

The hammer throw is an unusual event in that it is usually not a part of high school track programs, which means that athletes do not begin training for it until they reach the college level. The hammer itself is a 16 pound weight attached to a rope with a handle.

Fronczak, a liberal studies major with concentrations in math, business and geography, has competed in the shotput, the discus, and the 35 pound weight at various times in his career. However, he said that since his arrival at Westfield, the hammer has received most of his attention during training. He was named an All-American in the hammer last year and has already qualified for Nationals this season.

"I like throwing the hammer because there is more technique involved than in the other events. There's more leg action, and you have to spin around at least three times to get up the speed you need to throw the weight. Coordination and agility are even more important in the hammer than in the other throwing events," he said.

Fronczak said that, in his opinion, Westfield is geared more toward hammer throwing than toward the other throwing events, with Coach [illegible] always willing to [illegible] on the throwers' technique.

"He is always there to help with foot and body positioning, overall balance, and speed corrections, and he follows what we [illegible] so far as throwing other than [illegible] drills."

Fronczak graduated from Marian Catholic High School, where he competed in the shotput and the discus in a competitive Catholic division. He was named to the Catholic Conference All-Star team for both indoor and outdoor track in his senior year, and came to Westfield partly because he knew there were students here who were throwing the hammer. He said it was important for him to know that he would have people to work with, especially because keeping a positive mental attitude is crucial — throwing comes.

"I would find it hard to train by myself all the time," he said. "A few times a week wouldn't be too bad, for working on technique without [illegible] But when it comes to [illegible] with throwing and competing [illegible] more [illegible] thing."

Fronczak said that one of the [illegible] aspects about throwing the hammer is the [illegible] Before you can [illegible] the hammer until he [illegible] Westfield as a freshman [illegible] took awhile for him to gain the skill and technique that he needed in order to [illegible] "It takes two years before you learn the technique of the hammer throwing event — it's that different from the other events," he said.

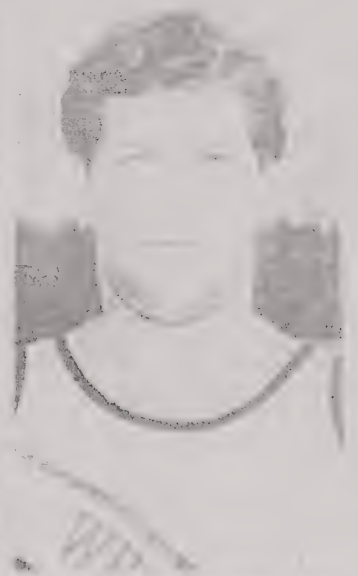
He qualified for the NCAA [illegible] meet for the first time in his sophomore year, in the hammer, and once again in his junior year, in the 35-pound weight and the shotput as well as track.

His real success, however, began in the outdoor track season of his junior year, when he came out in the first week to qualify for Div. III Nationals with a throw of 167 feet in the hammer. In the course of the season, he reached his best throw ever, 170 feet, at the Westfield State Invitationals. He went to Chicago at the end of the season for Nationals and came home with a seventh place finish and an All-American certificate. To add to the honor of being named an All-American, Fronczak was also Mass State Champion, Champion, and a selection to the All-[illegible] Conference All-[illegible] team.

This season, the senior has set some new goals for himself. First, he wants to repeat [illegible] as All-American, and he wants to finish better than seventh in the Nationals (The top eight finishers are named All-Americans.) He has already qualified for the Nationals, which will be held in Minnesota in May, and he had a definite strategy who'll he hopes will help him achieve his goals.

"Maintaining health and building speed will become very important," he said. "I also need to keep the right mental attitude — which is to work hard, but worry about it too much and not allow the right things to happen at the right moments."

After the Nationals this spring, Fronczak plans on hanging up the hammer shoes and move onto other interests, among them coaching on the high school level.



Senior hammer thrower Andy Fronczak

"I'd like to pass on the habits I've developed and the things I've learned to get more kids interested in the throwing events — the satisfaction that you get from improving makes all the sacrifices worth something."

1987-1988

JEFF STACKPOLE, '88 is considered the best tight end in Westfield State football history. An imposing and athletic 6-4, 230-pounder, Stackpole was second team All-America in 1987.

The sure-handed tight end dominated the aerial attack his senior season, catching more than half of the team's 87 receptions. He set school records of 49 catches for 701 yards and eight touchdowns, averaging 14.3 yards per reception and 5.4 catches per game. The Owls posted a then-school-best 6-3 record his senior season and were ranked eighth in New England.

A three-year starter for the Owls, Stackpole holds school records for tight ends with career totals of 85 catches, 1,265 receiving yards and 11 touchdowns. He was All-New England and first-team all-conference in 1987 and an all-conference honoree his junior season.

The consummate team player, Stackpole was an excellent blocker and also played defense on goal-line and short-yardage situations.

Complete profiles of each inductee are located on the University's Hall of Fame link at: www.WestfieldStateOwls.com ■ 9/11

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Soccer team off to Rocky Mt. High

By MICKEY CURTIS

Westfield State College's men's soccer team journeyed to the Rocky Mountains of Colorado over the Labor Day weekend and claimed the Colorado College Invitational as the first leg of what it hopes will be a highly successful season.

"The future is now," stated 11th year Westfield coach Jim Fonte before the trip. "My assistant coach Gary Feeney feels as I do that this year's team is the most talented and deep as we have ever had here at Westfield. Attitude and desire in their approach this year could make them a serious threat to qualify for the NCAA regionals."

The veteran Westfield team looked in mid-season form despite the high altitude and scorching sun, as it defeated Division III schools and Westminster State College of Utah (2-0).

"Overall, I was pleased with the way we played at Colorado Springs," Fonte said. "I think we showed the people out there that we play some serious soccer in New England.

"It was a once-in-a-lifetime trip and the kids had a great time," he added. "Next Labor Day we hope to make a trip to Utah."

The three competitive games in Colorado set the standard for the remainder of the Owls' schedule, which includes matchups versus Division II power New Haven, Salem State, North Adams, Fitchburg, Eastern Connecticut and Western New England. Losing only four players from last year's 13-6 squad which qualified for the ECAC playoffs, the Owls, should be ready for the challenge.

In the goal for the competitive group of Owls is Mike Bonsilla, a returning starter who is a serious contender for all conference honors. Chris Ostema, who didn't play last year but started his first two years in goal for Westfield, will be back to add depth as goalie as well as playing on the field.

At the defensive positions are Pat Connolly, with three years of experience at right back, and Pat Sullivan, a four-year starter at the left back position.

"Connolly is a very hard-nosed player and Sullivan should make honors this year in New England," said Fonte.

Senior Rudy Veldwijk has been the Owls stopper back since his sophomore year. Fonte says that the Holland native has matured into a steadfast player who will be "tough to beat."

Ranged sophomore Glen Feldman started in half of last year's games as sweeper back and should be primed to fortify his claim there. Robert Fleming, one of the most intense players on the team, will start at either a back or midfield position after sustaining a season-ending injury in preseason last year. Fleming started as a freshman and sophomore. Also lending strength to the defense will be Keith Winans, who saw much action last year as the first substitute off the bench.

At midfield the Owls will have Greg Perry, a four-year starter who, according to Fonte, plays at both ends of the field, has a good scoring and playmaking ability and is a leader on the field.

"He is a definite all-state all-star," praised Fonte.

Another all-around player is Gary Holmes, who started all 19 the Owls' games last year as a freshman.

"Gary was the most consistent surprise of last year," said Fonte. "He played like a seasoned veteran."

John "Roberto" Riordan is another midfielder who is playing his fourth season with the Owls. Riordan's leadership abilities as midfield complement the scoring ability he displayed last season when he finished as the team's fifth leading scorer.

A welcomed addition to the midfield group is sophomore Carlos Almeida, a transfer from Framingham State. Almeida was a standout at New Bedford High School.

"Carlos is a great player of the game and I'm very happy to have his talents displayed in a Westfield State uniform," said Fonte.

Leading the front line charge will be junior forward Daryl Zanardi, a high school All American who transferred from Old Dominion two years ago. Zanardi, the third leading scorer for the Owls in 1987, displayed some take charge leadership by booting several key goals in Colorado.

A key addition is Tim Winski, who returns to the Owls after a year layoff. Winski led the Owls with four goals and two assists in Colorado.

"Winski will bolster our offense," said Fonte. "He could be a great leader."

Defensive help should come again from Jack Curley, Tom Driscoll and midfielder/fullback Joe Zarrella. "The freshmen round out the roster: Jack Curley, a highly regarded fullback from Natick, Brian Cote, Matt Moulison and Steve Ryan.

Following the Colorado College championship, the men's soccer team rolled to two more victories. The Owls defeated UNH, a power University of New Haven by a score of 1-0. The Owls then trounced E. Conn St., 7-1.

Captain Greg Perry leads the WSC Soccer team to a 5-0 record

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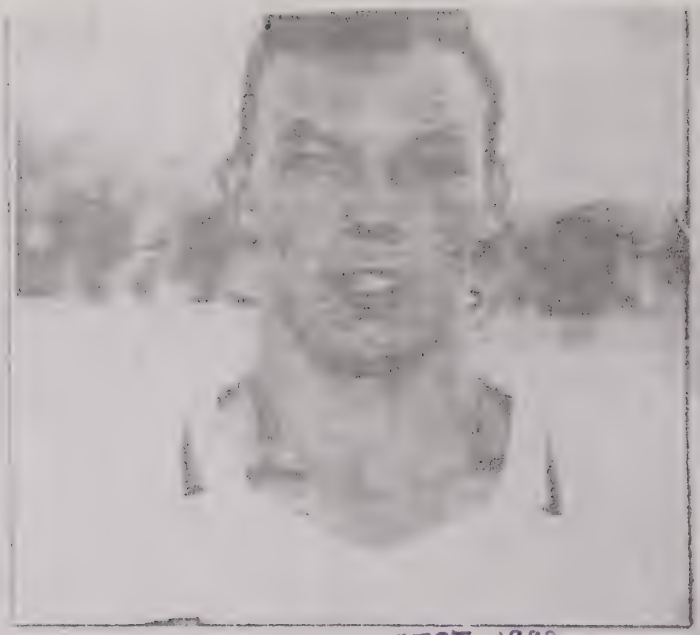

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Athlete of the Week

This week's athlete of the week is junior soccer player Daryl Zanardi. Zanardi, a forward from Springfield, scored two big goals in the team's recent trip to Colorado, where they defeated Colorado College, the University of Colorado and Westminster of Utah.

Zanardi also had a game-winning goal in the team's home opener against Div. II New Haven. A graduate of Classical High School, Zanardi is a transfer student from Div. I Old Dominion University.

Veteran, rookie mixture bolsters women's soccer playoff hopes

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By THE SPORTS INFORMATION DEPT.

Bolstered by eight returning starters and a large group of talented newcomers, the Westfield State women's soccer squad is looking forward to a playoff-bound season.

"We should be a better team than last year," said sixth year coach Deb Harrington, whose 1987 squad posted a 6-5-3 record. "We'll be a very competitive team, one reason being because we have much more depth this season."

Harrington also believes the Lady Owls will be a much stronger team because they have a lot more offensive punch this season. Westfield only scored 20 goals last year in its 14 games. It managed to post its winning season by holding the opposition to 16 goals while registering six straight shutouts.

"We expect to improve this year because we are much stronger offensively," said Harrington. "We were very strong last year defensively and we'll be strong there again this year."

The Lady Owls plan to play a less conservative brand of ball offensively because of their added speed and quickness. Talented newcomers include starters Sue Mathewson, Celine Carroll and Lynne Cusick, along with sophomore Chris Sweeney, one of two transfers from Salem State, and junior all-around player Sue Bodenrader. Mathewson, a junior, was All New England and second team All America at Massasoit Community College. Cusick and Carroll were teammates at Needham High School.

Another newcomer to watch is sophomore striker Julie Keats, a transfer from Franklin Pierce College who was an All New England Division II selection there. Keats is recovering from arthroscopic surgery and will see limited action during the first part of the season.

"We have some wings with speed," said Harrington.

The Lady Owls also have their 1987 leading scorer, senior tri-captain Aimee Ross. The all conference striker scored nine of Westfield's 20 goals last year.

"Aimee's a very competitive player who will provide us with plenty of leadership," said Harrington.

The team's other captains are junior sweeper Lori Harpin, and senior halfback Kathy Dramis. Harpin, the team's fastest player, was all conference honorable mention last season. Dramis is the team's best transition player, according to the coach.

Another of the team's top returning starters is junior stopper Deb Trainor, last year's second leading scorer with three goals. "It's almost impossible for one player to take the ball away from Debbie," said Harrington. "She's so strong."

Westfield also is strong in the net with both goalies returning — sophomores Deb Bousquet and Lisa Dolan. Bousquet allowed only seven goals in 12 games after joining the team early in the 1987 season.

"Both goalies look better this year," noted Harrington.

Rounding out the starting lineup are three underclassmen returning starters — junior Nina MacLeese and sophomores Shannon Formey and Dianna McGibbney.

"All three are looking very strong," said Harrington. "We converted Shannon from the wing to a fullback and Nina is probably the smartest soccer player on the team. She is able to see the whole field in front of her."

The Lady Owls have their sights set on one of two goals — qualifying for the ECAC or NCAA playoffs.

1988 Westfield State footbal team

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Football team hoping to improve on winning season

By Mickey Curtis

In six short years Westfield State has built itself a winning football program. And now the Flying Owls only have a few more goals to tackle before they can establish themselves as legitimate contenders for Division III supremacy in New England.

Westfield head coach Jack Murdock, a military man of more than 35 years, also understands the football wars and says the game plan is a simple one for his Owls to conquer their competition. Like all talented upstarts looking to emulate the best, they're hoping to follow in the footsteps of New England's most highly successful grid program, namely Plymouth State.

"We want to build a powerhouse just like Plymouth State," says Murdock, who led the Owls to 5-4 and 6-3 records in his first two years as coach. "And I think we can do that by recruiting the kids from the local area plus those from eastern Mass. It will be a great mix."

"Westfield's primary goal has always been to better the record of the previous season, and it's a goal the Owls have been able to accomplish in five of six years. After taking their lumps with 2-7 records in 1982 and 1983, the Owls were 4-5, 5-5, 5-4 and 6-3 the following four seasons.

A year ago the Owls' winning ways had them in the hunt for the league crown right up until the final week of the season, and this year they are looking to go one step further.

"I like the way our schedule is set up and we hope to improve on last year," said Murdock. "We want to keep improving and if we do that we could win the southern division (of the New England Football Conference). We want to start off from day one thinking that. We are going to grab those goals and their heads (players) from day one.

"I'm not unhappy," Murdock added. "I think the future looks good. Barring injury we'll be in the hunt."

The fiery coach has good reason to feel optimistic with the large number of quality veterans returning. Players such as 1988 team captains Pat Donoghue, Chris Guiliani, Tom Allard, Steve Bail and Andy Guy know what it takes to become a winner.

"They all have on thing in mind — they all want to win," says Murdock. "This group is motivated to win. We have a lot of players who can provide us with a lot of leadership."

Last year's leaders are gone, and they are going to be greatly missed. All American tight end Jeff Stackpole, linebacker Bob Erhardt, and defensive back Eric Ryder were talented players who set more than 50 school records.

Murdock believes, however, that a promising group of freshmen and transfer players can help to offset their departure.

"We have enough people; we have some quality kids coming in," said Murdock. "We played seven freshmen last year and we could play a lot this year even with the large number of veterans we have coming back."

Murdock says this year's recruits are comparable to the past two years. But the key this season, he says, is that there's more returning talent at the skilled positions. The veteran coach is especially high on quarterback John Hart and running backs Bob Santiago and Tony Westbrook.

"I think we have some good depth this year," said Murdock. "We're only thin in a couple of areas. We have some new kids that can fill it."

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Owl Scoreboard

Women's Volleyball (0-2)

WSC 0 — Manhattanville 3
WSC 0 — Union 2
First home game Sept. 29 against Smith at 7 p.m.

Football (0-1)

WSC 7 — Nichols 21
Next home game Sept. 30 against Mass. Maritime at 7 p.m.

Men's Soccer (5-0)

WSC 2 — Colorado College 1
WSC 4 — U. of Colorado 1
WSC 2 — Westminster of Utah 0
WSC 1 — New Haven 0
WSC 7 — Eastern Conn. 1
Next home game Oct. 12 against WNEC at 7 p.m.

Women's Soccer (0-1)

WSC 0 — Eastern Conn. 1

Field Hockey

First home game Sept 20 vs. Manhattanville at 5 p.m.

Women's Tennis

Next home match September 29 vs. NASC at 3 p.m.

Golf

Home Tournament — Oct. 17

Westfield Sports Need Your Support

Soccer league set

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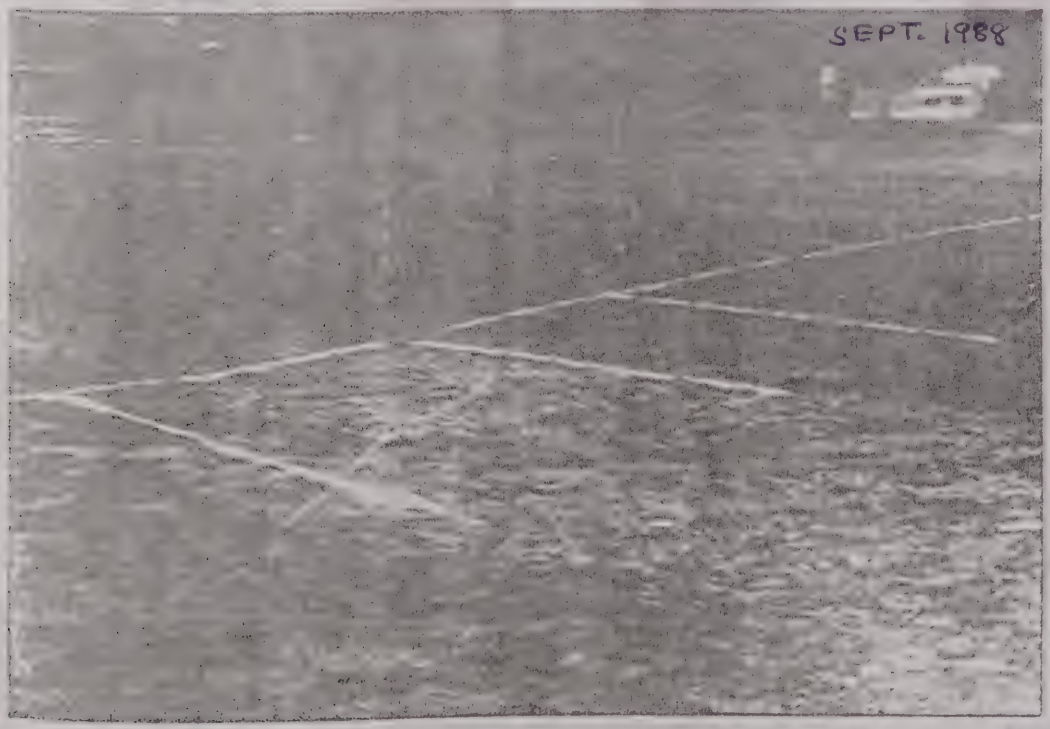
There is an outdoor women's soccer league in Westfield starting again this fall. Games take place on Fridays at 5:30 and Sundays at 3:00 at Stanley Park and/or the Vocational High School field depending on space availability. There are women of all ages and ability playing this fall. It's a great way to get exercise, be outdoors, and have fun!

If you are interested in joining please come Friday the 23 or Sunday the 25. If you want more information, call Nancy Salvidio at ext. 391. It is open to all women whether they are Westfield residents or not.



Intramural fields plus parking lines equals more student parking, less student playing.

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X-Cross team running for top five

By Mickey Curtis, SID

Don't let the rural setting fool you.

The Westfield State cross-country team may train daily in obscurity on the densely wooded trails at the foothills of the Berkshires, but it [illegible] in New England.

This season the Running Owls have new goals to chase as they continue building on their strong [illegible] aren't able to improve on or duplicate last year's first ever trip to the NCAA national championships, where the Owls finished 19th, coach Rick Doiron is confident [illegible] the leaders of the pack.

"I think we look pretty good," said Doiron, a former long distance standout at UMass-Amherst who works as hard at coaching as he does training for the big races. "I think we have a good shot at finishing in the top five in New England, but it's not going to be easy. We'll find out how good we are early in the season at the Southern [illegible] Invitational. Big is one of the top teams there.

"We should have a tougher time qualifying for nationals this year," he added. "It will take an awesome effort like last year plus a small [illegible]."

Doiron is [illegible], however, but team can run past the competition [illegible] Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference but all older. The Owls have claimed conference titles four straight years and six of the past seven.

"I think the race for the team title will be a little closer," he said. "It shouldn't be that much trouble but you never know."

It's the competition from the rest of New England that Doiron is gearing his squad for. The Running Owls are annual contents in the top meets in the region, including the All New England Championships and the Cod [illegible]. Doiron believes a realistic goal for his team is to finish near last year's third place showing in the New England Division III championships.

"To do that we need five guys in the top 40," he says. "We'll be in good shape if we can do that. What we're hoping for is our five runners to come along and run a little closer to the older guys."

The Running Owls are younger than most seasons, and the youngsters must provide some much needed depth as only three of the top seven returns from last year's nationally ranked team. There are six newcomers - five freshmen and one [illegible] on the 12-man roster. Helping the rookies [illegible] country running will be veterans [illegible] Planning, Chris [illegible] O'Brien and Mark Curry.

Gaebel is the clearcut frontrunner among the returnees. The senior finished sixth in the 1987 New England Division III cross country championships and was second in New England in the 3,000 meter steeplechase during the 1988 spring track season.

"Gaebel is our definite number one man," said Doiron. "I expect him to be a contender for the number one spot in New England (Division III) and a definite possibility for All-America honors.

"He'll be up there if he stays healthy and does his workouts. He worked harder this summer than he's ever had and he's strong enough to stay with anyone in New England."

Junior Chris Kiatos is running in the No. 2 spot, followed by Curry, O'Brien and Flemming, who has been set back by a nagging ankle injury.

"We hope the other veterans can move up closer to Steve, especially Chris," said Doiron. "He should be able to move up because he's more experienced and a little older."

Two of the freshmen battling for the final positions in the starting seven are Patrick Hoctor, an all Western Mass. star at Pittsfield High School, and Paul Maiella of Wilmington.

"The freshmen look pretty good," said Doiron. "We think Hoctor has good potential for the future and Maiella has been a real surprise. We really didn't recruit him."

Outing Club plans trips

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By Suzanne Larsen

Do you like to hike, ski, camp, canoe, fish, climb, or bike?

Would you like to make friends, while you have good times, and put adventure in your life?

Come to a meeting of the Outing Club! Every Wednesday evening at 6:00 in the Upper Ely Lounge, the Outing Club meets to discuss upcoming activities. Led by President Pete Olson and Vice-President Trish Connor, this year's Outing Club is now planning its first events.

"We're planning a canoe trip up the Farmington River for the weekend of Oct. 15," says Trish, "and would like to spend a day at King Richard's Faire when it comes to Carver."

All trips are planned by the club members, which allow everyone the opportunity to go on outings they enjoy. "It's a great chance to do things outdoors without hassle, and with people who want to have a good time," Pam Tatlow, a member of last years club explains, "and the kind of trip you take is totally up to you."

"You make some great friends," Laurie Panciocco, one of this years club Co-Secretaries states. "During hikes and climbs you have to depend on the help of other people in the group. You develop a great trust."

The Outing Club has its own equipment for many of the trips. If your're on the meal plan, the cafeteria will provide the food for the overnight trips. "You don't need any past experience," claims Pam, "you just have to want to have fun."

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Strong defense keys Owls' home victory

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By Anthony Colarusso

The Westfield State Owls turned a 10-0 defeat against the Curry College into a thrilling 28-10 win Friday night. With the victory the Owls jumped into the ECAC's number 15 spot and Curry dropped from 5th to 9th.

Both teams failed to score in the first quarter, but in the second quarter the Colonels heated up along with [illegible] quarterback Bill Shaughnessey. Shaughnessey, a junior transfer from U. of Mass., completed 8-15 passes for 172 yards and a touchdown in the first half.

Shaughnessey completed his last pass of the half for a 44-yard touchdown to wide receiver Bryan Ryder with four seconds to go to put the Colonels up 10-0. The touchdown followed a questionable call of roughing the kicker by the ever aggressive Owl defense.

The Owls stayed in the game by virtue of their defense. The defense held the Colonels to 4 yards rushing. However, they could not stop the passing attack, but then as my father always says there is no defense for a hot quarterback. It is also said that hot streaks inevitably turn cold or are helped turned cold.

The Owls defense turned up the heat and froze the Colonels. In the second half it looked as though the Owl defense had something to prove to themselves. Leading the attack were linebackers Pat Donoghue, Chris Guiliani, Ron Bachand and defense end Steve Duffy all reaching double figures in tackles.

In turn the defense ignited the offense which seemed to have hibernated for winter. Oh, but spring came early as the Owls scored on two touchdowns of 8 and 1 yard runs by sophomore quarterback John Hart in a late fourth quarter rally. Hart made up for a frustrating day in air with three interceptions by scoring his two touchdowns.

Following Hart's second touchdown which put the Owls ahead 13-7, the defense pulled the Owls ahead to stay. Shaughnessey (4-11 second half) faded back to pass, but was intercepted by linebacker Ron Bachand who returned the interception 38 yards for a touchdown with only 3:48 to go.

The Owls next game will be Saturday at Fitchburg State (0-2) at 1 p.m. Their next home game will be Sept. 30 at 7 p.m. vs. Mass. Maritime.

Depth, talent improve field hockey squad

-Sports Information Department-

With 12 returning players, including seven starters, along with seven incoming freshmen, Westfield State field hockey coach Diane Lussier believes her team has the depth, talent and teamwork to improve on last year's 8-6-1 record.

"I'm excited about this year a lot," said the third-year head coach. "I really think this team can do things. The one thing I noticed this year is that they have confidence in each other.

"I think they play very well toglether. There are no real stars on the team but they all get the job done. It's a good group that's fun to work with."

Lussier's keen coaching eye has also spotted improvements in the team's speed and depth, and the promising group of seven freshman has further strengthened an already veteran squad.

"The bench is almost equal to or as strong as the starting lineup," said Lussier. "They (reserves) lack a little in speed, but skill-wise they are very equal.

"I'm sure I'm going to have to make some tough decisions down the road on a starting lineup but right now I'm going with the more experienced players."

The Lady Owls' new alignment has three players in the forward positions instead of four. They are senior captain Cindy Shepard at right wing, freshman Heather Cabral at center, and Sophomore Sharon Underwood at left wing. Underwood was the team's second leading scorer last year, while Lussier speaks highly o Cabral, calling her "a definite scorer who hs the instincts to know when to put the ball in."

Returning staters Laura Mahoney and MaryAnn Pelligrinelli will flank freshman Marci Olson at midfield in the teams new alignment, which Lussier beleives will provide her team with more scoring punch this year.

"We are going with three forwards this year instead of four to open up the field a little more, " said Lussier. "And I think the midfielders are strong enough that we can get any one of them through and open it up that way.

" I think we are going to be able to put the ball in the hole because we have more scorers this year," she continued.

Lussier says her defense is much stronger this year, led by backs Leah Prescott, one of three freshmen starters, and returning starters Shelley Olson and Laura Barnas. Senior captain Mary Santos will be the sweeper and sophomore Susan O'Malley the goalie.

WESTFIELD STATE IN THE POLLS

Football...fifteenth in ECAC Division 3 poll.
Men Soccer...nineteenth in NCAA Division 3 national poll.
Cross Country...seventh in New England Division 3 coaches poll.

INTRAMURAL SCOREBOARD

Softball One Pitch Tournament

On Sept. 26, the A.W.G.'s will meet Pearl Necklace in a semi-final game. The winner will then meet the Drillers for the tournament championship.

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OWL SCOREBOARD

— FOOTBALL —

WSC 20 CURRY 10

next home game Sept. 30 against Mass Maritime at 7:00

— MEN'S TENNIS —

WSC 5 WNEC 4

next home game Sept. 30 against WNEC at 3:00

— FIELD HOCKEY —

WSC 0 KEENE 3

WSC 2 WESTERN CONN. 1

WSC 3 MANHATTANVILLE 1

next home game Sept. 28 against Connecticut College at 3:30

— MEN'S SOCCER —

WSC 4 SOUTHEAST MASS 0

next home game Oct. 12 against WNEC at 1:00

— WOMEN'S SOCCER —

WSC 2 ALBANY STATE 3 (OT)

WSC 3 MANHATTANVILLE 0

next home game Sept. 26 against AIC at 3:00

— WOMEN'S TENNIS —

WSC 2 RHODE ISLAND 4

next home game Sept. 29 against North Adams at 3:00

— WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL —

WSC 0 FRAMINGHAM 2

WSC 0 VASSAR 2

WSC 0 ROGER WILLIAMS 2

next home game Sept. 29 against Smith at 7:00

— MEN'S GOLF —

WSC 332 AIC 365

WSC finished 4th in the Williams Invitational

next home game Oct. 17 in the Westfield State Invitational

Going for the ball members of the women's soccer team from left to right: Kristen Murray, Lynn Cusick, Deb Trainor. (Mickey Curtis, SID photo)

Athlete of the Week

This week's athlete of the week is Junior Outside linebacker Ron Bachand who saved a big come from behind victory over Curry College with a 38-yard interception return for a touchdown.

The linesman from Southbridge contributed with 10 tackles, five unassisted. Bachand noted, "It was a total team defensive effort." (Mickey Curtis, SID photo)

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Leader of the pack, sophomore Sharon Underwood, leads the field hockey team in scoring. (Mickey Curtis, SID photo) SEPT. 1988

Westfield sports teams need your support

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Football team racks up sacks; beats Fitchburg

By Anthony Colamino

Maybe they save the best for last. Or maybe it just takes the Westfield State Owls football team a couple of quarters to warm-up. Whatever the case, the Owls came from behind for the second straight week to beat Fitchburg State last Saturday afternoon by a score of 14-6.

Once again the Owls spotted their opponents an early lead as Fitchburg scored the only points of the first half on a 49 yard pass play from quarterback Rich LeBlanc to receiver Bruce James.

Once again the Owls faced a hot quarterback in LeBlanc, who completed 9-14 for 142 yards and one touchdown in the first half. On the other hand the Owls defense held Fitchburg to minus 24 yards rushing in the first half. The scenario looked much like the Owls last game when they held Curry to only minus 4 yards rushing in last week's victory.

Once again the Owls offense looked much like it did last week when it was caught in first gear for the first half. It's usually hard to get off to a hot start when the team bus arrives five minutes before game time. That's exactly what happened to the Owls as they had to step off the bus after a two hour ride directly onto the playing field. An added detraction was the fact that starting quarterback John Hart was unavailable for duty due to an injury.

Once again the Owls defense kept them in the game. For the game the Owls held Fitchburg to 18 yards on 38 carries. In case your math is a little slow that's less than half per yard a carry.

The defense came up with every big play a defense can make. Try this on for size; twenty-three tackles for a loss, nine quarterback sacks, three fumble recoveries, and one blocked punt.

The star of the day for the Owls was sophomore defensive end Steve Duffy. Duffy turned in a total defensive effort with fourteen tackles (seven for a loss), three quarterback sacks, and one blocked punt. This effort helped Steve to make ECAC honor roll and the New England Football Conference Co-Defensive Player of the Week. On the down side of Duffy's performance is that he injured his leg and will miss two weeks of action.

In supporting roles junior linebacker Al Laperte had nine tackles and a fumble recovery, senior linebacker Pat Donaghue eleven tackles, and senior defensive lineman Andy Guy two and a half sacks.

In the second half the Owls offense shifted up a notch, scoring on Tony Westbrook's eight-yard touchdown return with four seconds left in the third quarter. Jeff Rothberg converted the PAT to make the score 7-6. Also shifting it up a notch was junior fullback Mike Condon who turned a poor first half into a sensational second half, converting eight carries for seventy yards during the second half.

The Owls seemed to have the game in hand when sophomore running back Ken Tacelli ran in from four yards to give the Owls a 14-6 advantage with 1:49 seconds to go. Remember it ain't over till it's over. The Owls almost forgot this Yogi Berra cliche' as they gave Fitchburg the ball back with under a minute to go on their own twelve yard line.

Once again the Owls defense came up big with a couple of sacks, the process preventing a loss to a team that hasn't won since Reagan has been in office.

Sports round-up

By Anthony Colamino

The fall sports season is underway, with W.S.C. faring well in several sports.

In cross country the team started things off right placing eleventh at the Southeastern Massachusetts Invitational. The two top finishers for WSC were Steve Ouebel finishing tenth with a time of twenty-five minutes and forty-nine seconds and Chris Kinton finishing thirty-eighth with a time of twenty-six minutes and forty-five seconds.

Coach Rick Dorion was pleased with the team's performance. "We ran what I expected this early in the season," said Dorion. "I feel all the guys can run a little better. They do that and I'm confident that we'll finish in the top five in New England Division III."

In field hockey the team is riding high winning three straight games to bring their record to 3-1. In their latest game the Owls beat Smith College 3-0 on the strength of two goals by sophomore Sharon Underwood. It was a big win as Smith was ranked tenth in the New England Division III poll.

When you're hot you're hot category: WSC soccer team and leading scorer Daryl Zanardi. The Owls remained undefeated last week bringing their record to 8-0. They defeated Rhode Island College 2-1 and then won their MassCap opener by a score of 4-1 over Fitchburg State. Riding high on the streak along with the rest of the team was Zanardi who scored all six goals in those games.

In women's soccer the Owls have roared back from a 0-2 start to a 3-2 record. All three of the successive wins have been shutouts. A big part of the story is the Owls defense and emergence of sophomore goalie, Lisa Dolan. Dolan replaced starting goalie Deb Bousquet who will miss the rest of the season due to a freak injury to her hand.

The men's tennis team won last week defeating Mass Maritime Academy 9-0. In their victory the Owls didn't lose one set.

The women's tennis team didn't fair too well losing to Wesleyan 8-1. The lone winner was #4 singles player Beth Woodson 6-4, 4-6, and 6-4.

The women's volleyball team lost both games last week. The scores were 3-2 UMass/Boston and 3-1 to Amherst College. The losses brought the Owls record to 0-7 on the season.

Intramural sports

By CHRIS TIBBETTS

Drillers win one-pitch tournament

In the softball one-pitch double elimination tournament, Pearl Necklace routed the A.W.G.'s, earning a chance to meet the top-seeded, undefeated Drillers in the championship game.

In the top of the first inning, the A.W.G.'s scored four runs. Pearl Necklace answered with seven runs with good hitting and excellent baserunning and never looked back. In fact, led by the fine offensive and defensive play of Sean Burke, Pearl Necklace padded their lead and won handily, 22-5.

The celebration for the Pearl Necklace, however, was short-lived. In the top of the second inning, Bob Anderson hit a colossal homerun over the left-centerfield fence. The Drillers defense played extremely well, especially Jim Corr who threw out two runners from leftfield. When they had scored four runs on a barrage of hits, things seemed to be in hand, but in the bottom of the fourth inning, the Drillers defense fell apart.

Pearl Necklace began a hitting spree, including a leadoff solo homerun by pitcher Eric Peterson, suddenly the Drillers began throwing the ball away and before they knew what happened, the game was tied at five. No one managed to score in the fifth, and when the Drillers had two out in the sixth, Pearl Necklace seemed ready to take control, but a shallow pop fly to rightfield by pitcher Bob Clattenburg managed to avoid the fielders, and three runs scored.

Pearl Necklace rallied for a run in the bottom of the sixth, but their rally fell two runs short and the Drillers were crowned champions.

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Owls to defend championship

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By MICKEY CURTIS, SID

The Westfield State women's volleyball team will be hard pressed to defend the Mass. State Conference championship it won a year ago as it is fielding a relatively young and inexperienced squad this fall.

"We'll have a tough time winning the conference title again because we have younger players who need a lot of seasoning," said second-year coach Gwen Keough. "We have a lot to work on and a lot of room for improvement, but the potential is there for us to come together."

Two starters return from last year's team which finished 6-0 in the conference and 11-13 overall. The 12-player squad is dominated by underclassmen, and the team's two seniors are first-year players. In all, five players were members of last year's championship team.

"Basically, we're young and inexperienced, especially in the setter position; which is like having a football team with an inexperienced quarterback," said Keough.

The core of the team consists of returning starters Lynne Farrington and Andrea Stafford, and Kelly Graves, a top reserve last year. The three sophomores are "pretty solid all around players," according to the coach. Farrington, an all conference honorable selection as a freshman, will be a hitter up front along with Stafford. Graves will alternate between setter and hitter.

Also seting the ball will be junior returnee Laura Kalantzis and sophomore newcomer Kim Zanibon. "Kim is good addition to the team," said Keough. "She'll be playing a lot at both hitter and setter."

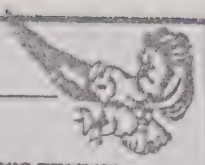
Others expected to see a lot of playing time are junior hitter Cindi Thrasher, freshman hitter Janine Thompson and senior Bridget Roguz.

"I'm looking for Cindi to be a strong front row player with the potential to be a strong blocker," said Keough.

Rounding out the squad are Susan Brown, Carole MacIsaac and JoaAnn White. Westfield opens conference action Saturday, Oct. 1, when its hosts Framingham. The match will begin at 11 a.m.

"Our match with Framingham should be a good indication of how far we've come along since the start of the season," said Keough.

OWL SCOREBOARD



— FOOTBALL —
WSC 14 FITCHBURG 6
Next home game is against Plymouth on October 7 at 7:00

— MEN'S SOCCER —
WSC 2 SMU 1
WSC 4 RIC 1
Next home game is against WNEC on October 12 at 2:00

— WOMEN'S SOCCER —
WSC 1 BRIDGEWATER 0
WSC 2 AIC 0
Next home game is against Columbia on October 15 at 2:00

— WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL —
WSC 2 UMASS/BOS 3
WSC 1 AMHERST 3
Next home game is against North Adams on October 15 at 1:00

— MEN'S TENNIS —
WSC 0 U CONN 9
WSC 0 MASS MARITIME 9
Next home game is against Fitchburg on October 7 at 3:00

— FIELD HOCKEY —
WSC 3 MANHATTANVILLE 1
WSC 3 SMITH 0

— WOMEN'S TENNIS —
WSC 1 WESLEYAN 8
Next home game is against Bridgeport on October 3 at 3:00

VARSITY BASKETBALL MEETING
THURSDAY AT 4 PM IN GYM —
ALL THOSE INTERESTED IN PLAYING PLEASE ATTEND.

Club sets four shows

By Lisa Marie Armitage

The Westfield State Equestrian Club is off to a whirlwind start with four new board members: Lisa Marie Armitage - president, Sherri Conely - vice president, Colleen Hughes - treasurer, and Jennifer Goba - secretary. Student Senate provided the club with the new regulation hats and other fundings necessary to keep the club alive. Because of their cooperation the club will set out for the first of four shows on Oct. 8 at Mount Holyoke. The following shows will be on Oct. 15 at UMass and on Oct. 22 at Smith College. The club will be hosting its own third annual show at King Oak Farms in Southampton on Oct. 30.

The public is encouraged to attend any of the shows and the cost to see a show is free.

Athlete of the Week

Sophomore defensive end Steve Duffy lead a strong Owls defense to a 14-6 win over Fitchburg. Duffy had 14 tackles (seven for a loss), three sacks, and a block punt. (Photo by Mickey Curtis, S.I.D.)

Intramural action

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By ROB CIRILLO

A knock to the head...a body toss..."Hey Ref! Why didn't you call that one!" No, this is not a scene from the most recent wrestling match at the Springfield Civic Center. It's just the winding down of another Intramural Football season.

That's right. The top teams are gearing up for the playoffs and the Cellar Dwellers are starting to recruit for next season.

What this means is that some sportswriter will sit and jot down some playoff predictions. And since it wasn't done when I dropped into the office, here it is in all its glory:

In the NFC, only two words need be said: Master Blasters. Brad Dandrea and his cohorts seem to have this one locked up as they run rampant through the division. The Blasters have adequately replaced all-world quarterback Jeff Roy with junior standout Dave Zevlkowitch. Bob Ogden rounds out the powerful offensive machine.

In the AFC, the scenario isn't quite as clear. The undefeated Pearl Necklace Crew would seem to have it wrapped up, but injuries to all-star defensive backs Judy Persico and Currie Gaureau may hurt the stingy defense. The defensive line should make up for the losses in the secondary.

If the Necklace can't rebound from injuries, Maple Magic could be the team that makes it to the Sugar Bowl. Offensive standout Mike Halpin and Will Foley lead a powerful offensive charge.

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Owls Sports Roundup

By ANTHONY COLANNINO

Hello, sports fans! While The Owl stopped its presses last week, W.S.C. sports teams kept on rolling.

The men's cross country team finished eighth in last week's Codfish Bowl. Steve Gaebel was the Owls' top finisher, finishing fifth with a time of 27:18. In previous competition the Owls finished third at the Amherst Invitational. Chris Katos was the top finisher, finishing fifth with a time of 27:23. The Owls are coming into shape in an attempt to win their fifth straight MassCap Conference title.

The football team lost a pair of games. Two weeks ago, the Owls lost to Mass Maritime 15-10, and in last week's action, the Owls lost to perennial power Plymouth State by the score 20-2.

Remaining among the unbeaten is the men's soccer team. Although the Owls are unbeaten, they received a small setback in tying UMass/Boston 1-1. More importantly, the Owls lost their leading scorer Daryl Zanardi due to an injured hamstring. The Owls hope to have Zanardi back for their big game against Fitchburg on Monday. Without the services of Zanardi for their game against Mass Maritime, Tim Kinski scored three goals en route to a 7-0 win.

When your're hot you're hot department — The women's field hockey team has won seven straight. Two weeks ago the Owls won the Elms Tournament beating Pine Manor 5-2 and WNEC 2-0.

Following the Elms Tournament, the Owls have beaten WNEC again in a 2-1 OT win and Fitchburg 3-0. Leading the team in scoring is sophomore Shari Underwood with seven goals and five assists and team captain Maryanne Pellagranelli with four goals and three assists.

Switching into the swing of things, the men's tennis team has raised its record to 4- with a 2-0 record in its conference. Their only loss in the last two weeks was a 5-4 loss to WNEC. Sandwiched around the loss are wins against Fitchburg and Worcester. The Owls latest win was over Worcester by a 6-3 count. Coming up big for the Owls in the Worcester State win were Dean Holyinger, Kevin Hamel, and Bob Coellin.

The women's tennis team earned their first victory beating North Adams 5-4. The Owls record is now 1-3.

The women's soccer team is playing well. They, too, won the Elms Tournament, beating Pine Manor 8-0 and WNEC 3-0. The Owls are playing particularly well against Division II teams. They almost came up big but lost in overtime to New Hampshire College 2-1 who is ranked number five nationally in Division II. They in fact did come up big tieing another Division II power Springfield College 1-1. Leading the team in scoring is freshman Lynne Cusick with three goals and five assists. Continuing to play well in net is Lisa Dolan with 42 saves on 46 shots.

In golf, the Owls finished ninth in the ECAC Qualifier. Qualifying individually was senior Kevin Piecuch.

The women's volleyball team lowered its record to 0-9 in the wake of their rebuilding year.

Women's tennis team, front row, left to right: Becky Ashton and Jennifer Meyers. Back row, left to right: Susanne Relosi, Beth Woodson, Kristin Zoolech, Michelle Stoutton, Kathy Cronin, Pamela Bonini and Robin Capone, coach David Lainge. (Mickey Curtis, SID photo).

INTRAMURAL SCOREBOARD

FLAG FOOTBALL — MEN'S

RECORDS AS OF OCTOBER 10

NFC

TEAM	W	L	T
*Master Blasters	6	0	0
*Bags	7	2	0
E-Mans	4	1	1
Vertical Grins	4	3	0
Bearded Clams	4	3	1
Chumpus Scrumpus	2	6	0
Dripping Seamen	2	6	0
D.W.G.'s	1	5	0
Snatch Batch	1	6	0

AFC

TEAM	W	L	T
*Pearl Necklace	6	0	0
*P-Flaps	7	1	0
*Maple Magic	5	1	0
Jays	3	3	1
Drillers	3	3	1
Trojans	2	3	1
A.W.G.'s	2	5	0
69ers	1	6	0
Purple Shamrocks	0	7	0

WOMEN'S

TEAM	W	L	T
Duba Hubas	4	0	0
Future Shock	3	0	0
White Russians	3	1	0
T-Melts	1	3	0
P.C.'s	0	3	0
Keggers	0	4	0

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Cross Country runners shoot for Nationals

By Karen Frawley

Make no mistake: Head track and field and associate cross country coach Jerry Gravel has a definite philosophy about the Westfield State Cross Country program.

"We concentrate on individual development and prepare for championship meets," he said.

Gravel, a physical education professor at Westfield knows something about champions--he has coached 23 NCAA All Americans and more than 100 National qualifiers in his 23 years of college coaching experience.

In the mens' cross country program, Gravel has stepped aside and taken on the role of associate head coach, thus creating the position of cross country coach. Second year coach Rick Doiron is currently filling that role.

Doiron is himself an accomplished runner, having finished 31st in a national cross country meet. He is presently a member of the Central Mass. Striders Running Club.

At 27, Doiron has been running competitively for 17 years, a fact which he feels allows him to be a better coach.

"I've gone through so many ups and downs as a runner myself that when one of my runners tells me that he is tired, or hurt, or having a tough time, I can help him understand that it's just one day, and hopefully things will be better tomorrow."

Doiron is working with a very young team this year, having lost a few valuable veterans to graduation.

"We have less experienced runners this season but I think the young runners will be even stronger next year because more was expected of them this year," he said. "We will only be losing two runners to graduation this year, so that will help."

One of the two seniors on this year's squad is Steve Gaebel, the team's number one runner. Gaebel recently won the Mass. State Conference meet and, according to Coach Doiron, will probably qualify for the NCAA Division III meet before the end of the season.

The other senior on the squad is Steve Fleming, who, along with Gaebel, was part of the team representing Westfield last year at the NCAA Division III meet. Fleming is currently running as the team's fourth or fifth man, but will be moving up as he recovers from a nagging ankle injury.

Junior Chris Kiatos is Westfield's number two runner. Doiron will be looking to Kiatos to take over as number one man next year.

Kiatos said that coming back as a veteran this year was easier than in the past, because "for the first time in about five years, we've got the same coach two years in a row, which makes it easier to adjust."

The Owls, whose other members include Kevin O'Brien, Mark Curry, Mike Clary, John Gaiero, Mike Hanecheck, Patrick Hector, Thomas Maher, and Paul Manella, have about four weeks remaining in the season. Doiron said that the training sessions are now beginning to taper off in intensity, but that the runners average between 60-70 miles a week.

"Three days a week we do strides after long runs, and we do one day of hard interval workouts. On the weekends we either race (five miles) or run five hard miles on our own. Sundays we recover from the race with an easy run, and Mondays we go for a 12-14 mile run."

The team's hard work paid off two weeks ago when the runners won the MASCAC Championships for the fifth straight year, and seven out of the past eight years. Led by Gaebel in first place, the Owls claimed five of the top ten places.

Doiron said that his overall goal for this season is "to do as well as possible. I think we can't shoot for anything less than NCAA's (as the team did last year). It's a tough shot and possibly a long shot. I'd say

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Mens' Cross Country team in a rare moment of rest. Standing: Kevin O'Brien, Mark Curry, Thomas Maher, Steve Fleming, Paul Manella, coach Rick Doiron. Kneeling: Mike Clary, Patrick Hector, Steve Gaebel, Chris Kiatos John Gaiero. (Mickey Curtis SID Photo)

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The men's tennis team, from left to right: Bert Rovetto, Jay Martineau, Bob Coellin, Jeff Hamilton, Scott Sherman, Coach John Morizio, Kevin Humel, Dean Holzinger, Craig Searfoss and James Hallett. (Sports Information Photo)

OWL SCOREBOARD

—WOMEN'S TENNIS (1-4)—

WSC 5	NORTH ADAMS 4
WSC 2	BRIDGEPORT 7
WSC 3	BRIDGEWATER 6

—MEN'S TENNIS (4-2)—

WSC 4	WNEC 5
WSC 5	FITCHBURG 4
WSC 6	WORCESTER 3

—WOMEN'S SOCCER (5-4-1)—

WSC 1	NEW HAMPSHIRE 2 OT
WSC 8	PINE MANOR 0
WSC 3	WNEC 0
WSC 1	SPRINGFIELD 1
WSC 1	SALEM 4

—WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL— (0-9)

WSC 0	SMITH 3
WSC 1	FRAMINGHAM 3

—MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY TEAM—
The Team placed third in the Amherst Invitational

—FOOTBALL (2-3)—

WSC 10	MASS MARITIME 15
WSC 2	PLYMOUTH 20

—FIELD HOCKEY (7-2)—

WSC 5	PINE MANOR 2
WSC 2	WNEC 0
WSC 2	WNEC 1 OT
WSC 3	FITCHBURG 0
WSC 0	BENTLEY 1

—MEN'S SOCCER (10-0-1)—

WSC 4	FRAMINGHAM 1
WSC 1	UMASS 1
WSC 7	MASS MARITIME 0
WSC 2	WNEC 0

—WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY—
In the Codfish Bowl Linda Phillips placed 6th, Denise McNulty 12th and Debbie Lieul placed 27th.

Football team drops a pair

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By MICHAEL MCMAHON

The Owls dropped their second contest in as many games last Friday night when Plymouth State's John Griffin scored two touchdowns to lead the Panthers to a 20-2 victory.

At the half it was still anyone's game as the only scoring was Griffin's one-yard plummet in the first quarter.

Neither team had much success in the passing game until Panther backup QB Steve Austin launched a 54-yard touchdown strike to all conference wide receiver Paul Belanger.

Owl sophomore passer Brian Balestracci, filling in for the injured John Hart, had a sub-par performance, completing more passes to the Panther defense than to the Owl offense. Balestracci finished with six interceptions and only five completions.

Westfield's two points came on a safety in the fourth quarter.

The Plymouth State defense held the Owls to only 63 yards for the whole game. Junior fullback Mike Condon led the Owls with 23 total yards. Sophomore punter Jeff Rothberg had another productive day having 10 punts for 378 yards. Rothberg leads the conference in punting.

Scoring in the game concluded by a Griffin run of 33 yards. Plymouth State is 5-0 this season and has won its 15th straight game. Since 1982 Plymouth State has won seven straight against the Owls.

Prior to last week's game, Mass Maritime put 15 fourth quarter points on the board to ruin a 10-0 lead after three quarters.

Buccaneer quarterback Chris Nardone completed a 17-yard pass to tight end Bruce Greehalgh with 4:04 left to finish the comeback. Earlier in the quarter WR Mike Redfearn threw a 28-yard option pass to Joe Joyce. Joyce scored on the conversion on a similar pass from running back Jim Rubeage.

Westfield opened the scoring in the first quarter with Rothberg's 37-yard field goal. Later quarterback Balestracci scored on a one-yard keeper and after Rothberg's conversion kick, the Owls led 10-0.

Condon again led the team with 55 yards. Sophomore halfback Steve Marcil totalled 44, while Balestracci kept for 33.

Sophomore defensive end Bill Silvia haulted a Buc drive with an interception and a return of 17 yards. It was Silvia's first collegiate interception.

Westfield's final possession died on an interception pass that was picked off. This iced the game for the Buccaneers.

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Post-season hopes

OCT. 1988

By MICKEY CURTIS, SID

The fall sports teams at Westfield State are all gearing for late season showdowns as they compete for postseason playoff berths. The following is a rundown of how some of the teams shape up over the next few weeks.

Men's Soccer: The Owl booters, 9-0-1 heading into Wednesday's game versus WNEC, have two key conference clashes in the next few days. Westfield plays at archrival North Adams this Saturday afternoon, and hosts undefeated Fitchburg on Monday at 7:30 p.m. The Fitchburg-Westfield game could go a long ways in determining the conference champ if Fitchburg manages to defeat Salem, ranked eighth nationally, this weekend. Westfield, which was ranked as high as 19th nationally, is on the also-receiving-votes category in this week's national poll. The Owls hope to have leading scorer Daryl Zanardi (Springfield) back this weekend. Zanardi has been hobbled for the past two weeks with a hamstring injury. The second leading scorer is Tim Kinski (nine goals, four assists), who scored three goals in the 7-0 romp over Mass. Maritime last week. The Owls host Worcester Oct. 20 and travel to Roger Williams Oct. 22 before their big showdown at home versus Salem on Oct. 26 at 7 p.m.

Women's Soccer: The Lady Owl booters saw their NCAA playoff hopes dashed with a 4-1 loss to Salem on Oct. 11. Westfield is now 1-1 in the conference and 5-4-1 overall, with a tie against Springfield and an overtime loss to Division II nationally ranked New Hampshire College. The Lady Owls host Division I Columbus this Saturday at 3. Westfield's leading scorer is Lynne Cusick (three goals, five assists), a freshman standout from Needham. Other top scorers are first-year players Christine Sweeney (Monson), Julie Keats and Celine Carroll. Goalie Lisa Dolan has done an outstanding job replacing injured starter Deb Bousquet (Ware), as she has allowed only four goals in eight games.

Field Hockey: The Westfield field hockey team of third-year coach Diane Lussier had a 7-1 record with a seven-game winning streak heading into its game on Oct. 12 versus perennial power Bentley College. Key games on their schedule include a 7 p.m. home matchup versus Salem on Oct. 19, and a trip to Bridgewater on Oct. 22. Sophomore Sharon Underwood is the leading scorer in the conference with seven goals and five assists. Mary Ann Pelligrinelli has four goals and three assists and freshman Heather Cabral (Huntington/Gateway) has four goals and one assist.

Golf: Kevin Piecuch, a senior from Wilbraham, qualified for the ECAC championships in Hershey, Pa., by shooting a 78 at the ECAC qualifier last week. Piecuch is averaging approximately 75 strokes per round this fall. The Westfield linksters will host the Westfield State Invitational on Oct. 17.

Cross Country: The Running Owls will be going after their fifth straight championship and seventh in the past eight years at the Mass. State conference championships this Saturday at Framingham. "I think we should be favored again," said second year coach Rick Doiron, a former standout runner at UMass/Amherst. "This will be the first time this season we'll have a full squad, so I'm anxious to see how we do. We should be peaking at the right time."

Athlete of the Week

Senior golfer Kevin Piecuch qualified for the ECAC Championship last week by shooting a 78 in the qualifying round. Piecuch, who has been averaging 75 a round, will travel to Hershey, Pa. to compete in the championship. (Mickey Curtis, SID photo).

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Cross Country—

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we're in the same boat as Mike Dukakis."

"To go to National's as a team, we'll have to beat St. Joseph's and to do that, everyone will have to have their best race during the same race. Even if we don't qualify for National's as a team, I won't be disappointed if we give it our best shot."

Doiron, who said that coaching on a college level "will definitely be my career," attributed the strength of the cross country team over the years to two factors.

"First, Westfield has a decent reputation academically. Also, Coach Gravel has always been there to take care of the program during the time it was between coaches, so recruiting never suffered that much."

Gravel said that the reason he is so successful in recruiting athletes into the program is that he "pays more attention to the good runners than the other schools do."

"I don't sell the school. I just get the kids interested and I find that the school sells itself. I recruit actively, but the college has a lot to offer as well."

Womens' soccer season marked by improvements

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Running into contention — the Owls womens' soccer team. (Mickey Curtis, SID photo)

By Janice Tracey

The last home game of the womens' soccer team on Oct. 17 marked the team's seventh victory of the season. Their overall record to date is 7-4-1. The team has three remaining games this season. "Compared with last year's record, 6-5-3," said assistant coach Kim Shaw, "the team is doing much better."

"We're hoping to make a tournament at the end of the season," Shaw said. A lot of that depends on the next three games with North Adams, Framingham, and Quinnipiac. The team is currently in the Mass. State College Conference, with a 1-1 record to date. The next two games are conference games.

"The team is very competitive with other teams in Division III," Shaw said. "They played very well with the Division II teams as well." WSC tied Springfield 1-1, and lost in overtime to New Hampshire, 2-1.

Some members of the team accredit a lot of their success with their attitude. "When the team pulled together, we started winning," senior Kathy Dramis said, "we are all pumped for these next three games. They are the most important of the season."

Freshman Lynn Cusick also talked about the team's attitude. "Even if we lost, our attitude didn't go down when we came back for the next game," she said.

Shaw explained two other strengths she found in the team. Shaw said that the scoring has been coming from a big area of the team, "Not just one or two players." She also said the team shows good defense, indicated by all their wins this season. "All our wins were shut outs," Shaw said. Shaw described Lisa Dolan, the team's goal keeper, as "our most consistent player. She is doing an excellent job," Cusick said.

With 17 team players, there are only two seniors: Aimee Ross and Kathy Dramis. "The team should be even stronger next year," Shaw said.

Soccer team falls to upstart Fitchburg

By Anthony Colannio

This was it. The 10-1-1 Westfield State Owls versus 12-0 New England Division III number two ranked Fitchburg State. The Owls needed a big win at home to keep their playoff hopes alive.

This one just wasn't meant to be, as the Owls were defeated 2-1 on two second half goals.

The Owls used a fast and aggressive style of play to control the first half of play. As usual, their defense was very tough, giving up only one shot in the first half. Junior sweeper Bob Fleming and senior fullback Pat Sullivan both made outstanding defensive plays as they broke up various Fitchburg attacks.

On the offensive side, senior forward Chris Ochera was very busy controlling play in the middle. With 18:29 to go in the first half, the Owls scored. Senior forward Tim Kinsk broke through the defense on a nice pass from freshman fullback John Curley and lifted a shot over goalie Bob Jacobs.

At the end of the first half the score read Westfield State 1, Fitchburg 0. Everything seemed to be going the Owls' way, as they outplayed Fitchburg, controlled both sides of the field, and out shot Fitchburg 3-1. Their aggressiveness was paying off, and Fitchburg could do little to stop the Owls' momentum.

Junior goalie Mike Breslin started play on a high note in the second half by breaking up a potential scoring run. The Owls' continued their fine play until a questionable yellow card by Ochtera seemes to fire Fitchburg up.

The momentum shifted Fitchburg's way when, with 16:51 left in the second half, they scored on goal by freshman Ricky Parolo. Breslin came out to challenge a shot that hit the crossbar and the ensuing rebound was headed in by Parolo.

The Owls refused to cave in and almost came up big on a shot by Sullivan that went just wide, catching Jacobs out of net.

Continuing their strong defensive play, the Owls appeared to have Fitchburg cut off at every pass. With 5:52 remaining in regulation, a relentless Fitchburg attack paid off as Senior George Malone scored.

That goal seemes to stop the Westfield attack for good. The Owls no longer controlled the play, but pressed for any opportunity to score. The plays just didn't come their way, as usually happens when a team presses.

Although the team was dejected, coach Jim Fonte was pleased with their overall effort.

"I thought we played a valiant game under the circumstances," he said. "We played supremely considering we were missing some key people such as Daryl Zanardi and Corey Hudson."

The season is not over yet, as Fitchburg still has to face North Adams and the Owls still have to play Salem State.

"We're going down as hard as we can and we hope to win as many games as we can," said Fonte.

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Women's field hockey OCT. 1988

Owls offer fine outlook

By Andrew Lynch

The Westfield State women's field hockey team ensured a winning season with their 3-0 victory over Framingham State on Oct. 17.

The Owls quickly took the lead with a goal by Sharon Underwood less than three minutes into the game. Underwood is the team's leading scorer this year with six goals and four assists so far.

After the game Head Coach Diane Lussier said the team, led by senior captains Mary Santo and Cindy Shepard, played very well but called the level of play "almost lethargic". The Owls were well favored in the game and Coach Lussier said the team could play better against a tougher opponent.

The second half was again dominated by Westfield. Shelly Olson's goal at 10:21 gave the Owls a solid lead. The goal was assisted by Underwood and Shelly Olson's second goal at the end of the game gave the game to Westfield. Olson's second goal was assisted by Leah Prescott.

The team's record now stands at 8-2-0 overall and 2-0-0 in the conference. With only five games left, the field hockey team's season looks to be an outstanding one. The next game is Oct. 19 versus Salem State at 7 p.m. on the turf.

Equestrian Club

Riders impress in show

By Sheri Conley

It was raining. It was cold. It was a long weekend, but on Oct. 8, 6 members of the equestrian club trudged off to the Mount Holyoke Equestrian Center for the first intercollegiate show of the season. And what a show it was!

Lisa-Marie Armitage started off the day by placing fifth in her advanced walk-trot-canter class. Sophomore Jennifer Goba also had a good day. Goba placed fifth in her beginner walk-trot-canter class.

On a horse called Trilogy, Colleen Hughes took fifth place in Class 2 Advanced walk-trot.

Also showing for the team, were Paul Kane in Class 3 Beginner walk-trot-canter and Sheri Conley in Novice open horsemanship. Kane placed fifth and Conley place sixth.

AnnMarie Souza put in a good ride on a difficult horse.

"We are off to a good start," commented Armitage, club president, "and I can't wait for the next show."

The club competed at Smith College on Oct. 15. Colleen Hughes and Paul Kane placed fourth in Class 2 and 3 respectively. Jennifer Goba and Sheri Conley both had strong showings.

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WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

(As of 10/18/88)

NORTH	W	L	SOUTH	W	L
The Balls	2	3	Wet Willies	0	4
Keggers	4	0	Out of Control	1	2
Zeufs	0	3	Huba Dubas	3	0
Six Packers	2	2	Blue Devils	1	3
Future Shock	4	0	Alabama Slammers		

Athlete of the Week

Senior cross-country captain Steve Gaebel leads the Owls to their sixth straight MASCAC championship. Gaebel finished first with a time of 27.06. (Mickey Curtis, SID photo)

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Despite size, x-country team big in spirit

OCT. 1988

By Karen Frawley

Although it is often overshadowed by the larger men's program, the womens' cross country team is alive and well this year, as shown by its second place finish in the Mass. State Championships.

In that meet, freshman sensation Linda Phillips ran to a second place finish, followed by senior co-captains Denise McNulty, at sixth, and Debbie Lievi, at ninth place.

Phillips, McNulty and Lievi are the only three cross country runners able to practice regularly, although a number of track runners are usually available to complete the required five-person roster, which allows Westfield to compete as a team in meets.

First year head couch Doug Allen a 1988 graduate of Westfield, said that he has already achieved one of his goals for the season.

"I wanted to place well in the MASCAC's which we did, and my next goal is to see one of my runners qualify for Nationals."

Allen said that Phillips, his number one runner, has a good chance at qualifying, while Lievi and McNulty also have outside shots.

Allen is coming out of two years of experience as assistant men's track coach at Westfield. Before that he was a member of the cross country and track teams.

He says the experience in running and coaching men has helped a great deal in coaching women, but that there are some differences.

"If you're not a runner," Allen said, "you can't really know what your athletes are going through. I can't imagine coaching cross country without having first done it myself."

The main difference between coaching men's and women's cross country, he said, was the distance of the races. While the men run five miles in a race, the women only run 3.3, which makes it a "totally difference race."

The women's training program is much like the men's, with different days for speed workouts during the week, an easy run on Fridays before meets, and long runs on Sundays.

Allen said the women log about 40-50 miles a week, and will begin to taper down on that distance as the end of the season nears, which he hopes will allow the runners to "peak" with their fastest times.

Allen hopes to go into coaching as a sideline but probably not as a career.

"Most people just can't afford to coach at a Division III level as a career," he said.

Men's head track coach Jerry Gravel agreed, saying that a coach could make more money working at a high school level than a Division III level.

The low pay for coaches is one reason why the team has had such a high coaching turnover. The turnover rate has led to a decrease in recruitment, which in turn has led to smaller teams.

McNulty said that although she wished there had been a greater turnout for the team, she is not disappointed.

"The three of us that run regularly have great attitudes and we work well together. I'd rather have a small team of people with positive attitudes than a larger one with runners who don't get along and are more negative."

OWL SCOREBOARD

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Women's Volleyball

WSC 2	NHC 0
WSC 3	North Adams 2
WSC 3	Fitchburg 1

Women's Cross Country

Second-place finish in MASCAC Championships

Men's Cross Country

Sixth straight first-place finish in MASCAC Championships

Football

WSC 7	Worcester 13

Men's Tennis

WSC 0	Coast Guard 9
WSC 2	Salem State 7
WSC 5	Bridgewater St. 4

Field Hockey

WSC 0	Bentley 1
WSC 3	Framingham St. [illegible]
WSC 1	Salem St. [illegible]

Men's Soccer

WSC 0	North Adams 2
WSC 1	Fitchburg 2

Women's Soccer

WSC 1	Salem St. 4
WSC 6	Columbia 0
WSC 2	Elms 0

Women's Tennis

WSC 3	Bridgewater St. 6

Golf

Senior Kevin Piecuch finished 24th in the ECAC Championships in Hershey, Pa.

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Soccer comes up short; drops game to Salem

By Anthony Colannino

A win might have propelled the men's soccer team into the N.C.A.A. Tournament. Let's not think of what could have happened, instead let's look at what did happen. The Owls lost a hard game, 2-0.

The Owls once again outplayed their opponents throughout much of the game. Coach Jim Fonte was pleased with his team's play but not with the outcome. "We played well," Fonte said, "well enough to win. We deserved to win."

In the first half the Owls played tough, hard-nosed defense and combined that with some nice passing to give the Owls some solid scoring opportunities. Opportunities for the most part that went by the board.

Senior forward Chris Ochtera had a couple of shots right , shots hard enough and quick enough that they deserved to go in.

With 23:45 left in the first half, lightening struck for the Owls. Salem State's Junior defenseman Leo Sousa ripped a hard shot on net from 25 yards out, a shot that junior goalie Mike Breslin lunged for and got his hands on. Breslin made contact with the ball and deserved to save it, but the ball Breslin thought he tipped over the net instead fell into the net. Salem State led 1-0. It was Salem State's first shot on net.

The Owls continued to keep the play at a fast pace. A corner kick by senior midfielder Chris Perry produced a series of shots and ended with a headed ball that deserved to go in, a ball that hit the crossbar.

Just 25 seconds after the Owls almost scored, Salem State did. Freshman Henrique Silva threaded the needle on a pass to Freshman Striker Vincent Martinez. As Breslin rushed the attack, Martinez kicked the ball into the net.

In the second half, play was erratic because of a slick field that became slicker due to the cold weather. Westfield did have more chances, but just missed on shots by Tim Kinski and Darly Zanardi. Salem played more and more defensively as the clock and the Owls' chance at post-season hopes wound down.

Coach Fonte was proud of his team's performance down the stretch. "I am proud of the team and the way they played even with key players out due to injury." He referred to players such as second leading scorer Zanardi, sophomore midfielder Corey Hudson, and senior midfielder John Riordan.

The story line was the same as that in the Fitchburg game. Westfield's defense was extremely tough. It was led by junior Bob Fleming and senior Pat Connoly. The Owls outplayed Salem at both ends of the field, but couldn't come up with the big goal. They did, in fact, deserve to win. Coach Fonte relayed the sentinents of WSC soccer fans when he said, "I can't wait until next year." The Owls have several starters back and a couple of good recruits.

Senior forward Chris Ochtera shown here in action at the Colorado College Tournament (Mickey Curtis SID photo)

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P. Necklace dominates, 12-0

Editor's note: As stated in last week's OWL, names of intramural teams which the OWL considers offensive will not be printed in scoreboard form. However, in the interest of team members who may not have taken part in the naming process, abbreviations will be used in articles.

By Chris Tibbetts

In the intramural flag football championship game held on Oct. 20, P. Necklace upset the Master Blasters by a score of 12-0. The hero of the game for P. Necklace was Mike Shea.

The Master Blasters came into the game undefeated and highly favored but managed almost no offense against a stingy defense. P. Necklace came into the game with one loss and beat up after two tough games in the first two rounds of the playoffs. Both teams battled for control for most of the first half without either team really threatening. Then the Master Blasters made two costly errors that got them in trouble.

With P. Necklace backed up near its own end zone and time running down in the first half, they decided to try running a sweep. As the ball carrier headed towards the sideline, he was tackled, an automatic first down and 15 yard penalty. Upset with the call, one of the Master Blaster players walked over to the ref and knocked his hat off, nearly hitting him in the face; this penalty gave P. Necklace another 15 yards and first down near midfield. On the next play, quarterback Tom LeFleur hit wide receiver Mike Shea on a short pass pattern. The cornerback slipped as Shea made a cut to the inside, and he was able to beat the free safety into the end zone for a 6-0 halftime lead.

The second half was much like the first with neither team really moving the ball. With just a few minutes left and the ball at midfield, P. Necklace faced a crucial fourth down situation. If they failed to get a first down, the Master Blasters would have a chance to score. However, LeFleur was able to hit Shea across the middle for a big gain and first down. A few plays later, LeFleur waltzed into the end zone on a quarterback sneak giving P. Necklace a 12-0 lead. The Master Blasters had one more possession, but facing their own fourth down situation, Shea, this time lined up at defensive end, was able to rush the quarterback and knock down the pass, giving P. Necklace the championship.

In the women's flag football championship the Duba Huba's, playing with only five players, managed to beat the Tuna Melts 31-0. The speed and quickness of the Duba Huba's proved to be too much for the Tuna Melts as the short-handed team was able to intercept almost every pass thrown by the Tuna Melt quarterback.

Equestrian team earns ribbons

By Sheri Conley

The WSC Equestrian club competed at the University of Mass. Amherest Arena on Saturday October 22, for their third show of season.

Sophmores Sharon Jarret and Heather McQuade brought in their first ribbons of the season. Jarret and McQuade both placed fifth in two different sections of class 2 Advanced Walk-Trot-Canter.

Paul Kane took fourth place in Beginner Walk-Trot-Canter. Jennifer Goba took sixth place on a horse named Eve in the same class.

Sheri Conley place fifth in her Novice Open Horsemanship, bringing her individual point total to 3 for the semester.

B-ball clinic

The Westfield State College men's basketball team will be conducting a youth clinic and full scale scrimmage during the first week of November at Southwick High School.

The clinic, co-sponsored by the Southwick Rec Association, will be held Thrusday, Nov. 3 at 6:30 p.m. Westfield College players who will be demonstrating fundamentals include Southwick's Jim Bruno, Springfield's Lenny Bass, Bryan Foster, Rodney Smith and Mike Martin, Holyoke's Chris Montemayor, and AIC transfer Sean Williams. The youngsters in the Southwick rec association basketball program will have an opportunity to participate in games and drills during the clinic.

The elementary aged youth will be guests at a Westfield State scrimmage scheduled for Nov. 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Southwick High gym. The Owls will play a full 40-minute game versus the Fort Devins Army squad. The Southwick Booster Club, which is sponsoring the scrimmage, will be asking adults for a $1 donation.

For more information on the scrimmage or clinic, contact Westfield State men's basketball coach Bob Lawless at 785-5632.

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Athlete of the Week

Sophomore cornerbreak Chuck Carucci was named Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference defensive Player of the Week, good enough to be named as this week's Athlete of the Week. Carucci intercepted three passes and contributed seven tackles in Westfield's homecoming win over Bridgewater State. (Sports Information Department).

Sports Roundup

OCT. 1988

by Anthony Colannino

Live and in black and white it's the new and improved Sports Roundup.

The football team brought its record up to 2-3 overall with 21-16 win over Bridgewater State. It was the Owls first win after three straight losses. Defensive, Charlie Carucci had an outstanding game with 3 interceptions and 7 tackles. His great play earned him Defensive Player of the Week honors in the ECAC.

In soccer action, the women's team has a good chance to qualify for the NCAA Tournament. The women's team finished the season with a record of 10-4-1, following a 4-0 thrashing of Framingham State and a thrilling 2-1 win in double overtime against Quinippiac College Wednesday. Sophomore goalie Lisa Dolan had an outstanding year with 9 shutouts in 11 starts. Newcomer Julie Keates led the Owls with 10 goals and 1 assist.

The men's team ended their conference play Wednesday with a tough 2-0 loss to Salem State. That loss gave the Owls a 3-3 record within the competitive Mass State Conference. With the 3-3 conference record the Owls dropped to fourth in the league and a 11-3-1 record overall. Even though their overall record is excellent, it is the top team within the conference that gets a berth in the NCAA Tournament.

In the wonder why they're not ranked category? - The women's field hockey team. The Owls suffered a tough 4-3 overtime loss to conference champs Bridgewater. Even with the loss the field hockey team has an impressive 8-3-1 record with the tie against the then number 1 ranked Salem State team. Their conference record is 2-1-1 good enough for second place. Rankings and post season play shoud be coming their way.

The women's volleyball team defeated Worchester State 3-1 Wednesday. This win raised the Owls record to 3-1 in the Mass State Conference.

OWL SCOREBOARD

20th - 26th

— Football (3-4) —
WSC 21 Bridgewater 16

— Men's Tennis (5-5) —
WSC 0 Amherst 9

— Field Hockey (8-3-4)
WSC 1 Salem 1
WSC 3 Bridgewater 4

Men's Soccer (11-3-1)
WSC 7 Worcester State 0
WSC 0 Salem 2

Women's Soccer (10-4-1)
WSC 1 North Adams 0
WSC 4 Framingham 0
WSC 2 Quinnipiac 1

Woman's Tennis (1-5)
WSC 4 Salem 5

Women's Volleyball (4-13)
WSC 3 Worcester State 1

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Sports Roundup

By Tony Colannino

Let's take a look at what happened last week in the Wide World of Westfield Sports.

The field hockey team finished with a 2-0 win against Elms which gave the Owls an impressive 10-4-1 record. Add that to their 3-1-1 MSCAC conference record, good enough for a tie for second, and the Owls should have made the N.C.A.A. Tournament, right? Wrong. The Owls didn't make the tournament, but they did have an excellent year. Individually, sophomore Sharon Underwood led the conference in scoring with 8 goals and 11 assists, and goalie Sue O'Malley was second in the conference with a 1.14 goals against average. Congratulations on a great year, ladies.

The women's soccer finished with a record of 10-4-1 after a 2-0 win over Quinnipiac College. The Owls had a 3-1 conference record and were looking forward to a berth in the N.C.A.A. Tournament. With a second place finish in the conference, it looked good for them, but it didn't happen. That's no reason to fret. The Owls have many starters back and have a chance at it next year. Included in that group is the conference leading goalie sophomore Lisa Dolan and the team's leading scorers sophomore Julie Keates, freshman Celine Carroll, and freshman Lynn Cusick, who all finished in the top ten in conference scoring. My congratulations go to you, too, ladies; not a bad year. It was your best record ever.

Sports editor's note: I think both the womens' soccer team and field hockey team got the shaft in not being selected to the N.C.A.A. Tournament.

The football team continued its tough defensive play last week with a 7-0 win over Southeastern Mass. University. The defense held S E.U. to only 35 rushing yards and only 113 overall yards. It's now been six straight quarters that the Owls have held the opponent scoreless. Leading the attack was sophomore defensive end Steve Duggy (8 tackles and 1 total sack), junior cornerback Al Laporte (9 tackles and 1 sack), and sophomore defensive end Bill Silvia (9 tackes and 1 1/2 sacks). The touchdown came on a second quarter drive that ate up 86 yards on 14 plays. Capping off the drive was sophomore quaterback Brian Ballestrecci with a 2-yard run with only 9:04 to go in the half. Let's also give some credit to the offensive line who blocked for a total of 50 rushing plays. Nice job guys.

The mens' soccer team had their second straight loss to Bridgewater State by a score of 1-0. It was their fourth loss in the conference giving the Owls a 3-4 conference record and a 11-4-1 record overall. Who knows how far they would have gone if they hadn't been bitten by the injury bug.

The mens' tennis team finished the year with a 4-1 conference record, good for a tie for second. The womens' team finished with a 1-2 conference record.

The women's volleyball team ended the season with a 3-1 win versus Salem State. The win brought the Owls' record up to 3-3 in the conference. A fourth place finish in conference play isn't bad for what was considered a rebuilding year.

Field hockey team, front row, from left to right: Leanne Robert, Sharon Friel, Laura Mahoney, co-captain Cindy Shepard, co-captain Mary Santo, Kathleen Cummings, Mary Ann Pelligrinell, Shelly Olson. Back, left to right: Assistant Coach Kim Florek, Heather Cubral, Marci Olson, Leah Prescott, Jeanne Reed, Laura Barnes, Kim Haggland, Sharon Underwood, Susan O'Malley and head coach Diane Lussier. (Mickey Curtis SID photo).

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Men's hoop preview

By Tony Colannino

"Better athletes and more depth," is how third year basketball coach Jim Lawless compares the current team to last year's squad.

The depth comes from three returning letter winners and five newcomers. Returning from last year's squad are senior guard Rodney Smith, junior guard and co-captain Chris Montemayor, and junior guard and co-captain Jim Bruno. Also returning after a leave of absence are sophomores Leonard Bass and Marvin Watford. Coming in as transfers are junior guard/forward Sean Williams from A.I.C. and sophomore guard/forward Shaun Cusson. New freshman expected to contribute are Tom Brincklow at forward from Lexington, Veron Percy at guard from Pittsfield, and Jason Correiro at guard from Fall River.

Coach Lawless believes that he will have to use his bench extensively to win. "We'll have to go ten men deep to win," he said.

Lawless will have to rely on the bench because the Owls will be playing an uptempo game with various pressure defenses. The Owls will have to use a pressure type fastbreak game because of their lack of size. The team will have to do without the services of last years two centers; junior Rich Jones and senior Brian Gilmore.

"Our lack of size is probably the biggest problem we have. Hopefully our bench strength will make up for the lack of size," said Lawless.

Lawless said that the Owls will try trapping full court defenses, full court man to man pressure, half court traps. "Our goal is to keep the offense confused into forcing turnovers and resulting in fastbreak baskets."

The main scoring punch will come from Bruno and Williams. Bruno led the Owls last year in scoring with 22 points per game and Williams led A.I.C. in scoring the past two seasons. The defense is lead by Montemayor who led the team with 23 steals last year.

"The size factor and how well we rebound will play a major role in how well we play," said Lawless. "The main factor will be how well we come together as a team adjusting to the running game," he said.

It looks like the Owls will be providing us with some fast paced and exciting games in the weeks to come. If they can overcome their lack of size and confuse the opposition with different defenses, the Owls could be a threat in the MASCAC Conference.

John Morytko

Members of the Women's Basketball Team included: Amy Keleher, Wendy Kelley, Kristina Jackiwicz, Kim McMillan, Felicia Byers, Stephanie Wall, Christine Coughlan, Kelly LaChance, Tessa Chenaille, Jeanne Reed, Debra Bousquet, coach Hilton White, and assistant coach Yvette Davis.

Senior athletes look back on collegiate careers

By Karen Frawley
and Kim Hubert

As the fall sports season draws to a close, the collegiate careers of the senior members of the teams are also winding down.

Many of the senior athletes said that the camaraderie between themselves and their teammates was one of the most rewarding aspects of college athletics.

No matter what their sport, senior athletes cited the importance of a total team effort and having teammates with whom to celebrate victories and console over losses.

Aimee Ross, a senior member of the women's soccer team, said that because she came to Westfield State College as a transfer student, joining the team helped her to "meet so many people--almost everyone I know."

"I gained a lot of self-confidence and learned about dealing with people," Ross said. "Also, traveling to away games and living with my teammates for a week and a half in August helped us grow closer as a team."

Kevin Piecuch, a senior golfer, has enjoyed much success at Westfield after transferring here after his freshman year.

Among the rewards he listed as part of his golf experience were All-American and All New England honors.

The high competitiveness of golf has also been something he has enjoyed.

Kathy Cummings, a senior field hockey player, said she will take memories of friends and school spirit from her college playing years.

"I also learned to budget my time and balance homework and field hockey," she said. "I think that in field hockey, individual play is equally important as team effort, because when you're out there you've got to do your best, but the whole team has to also come together. If one part isn't working right, the machine breaks down."

Men's soccer player Tim Kinski said that playing soccer was "a fun thing to do that kept me busy and pretty much out of trouble."

Kinski said that the team's preseason trip to Colorado is something he will never forget.

"Winning out there was an exciting experience," he said. "It really set the tone for the season and brought the team closer together."

Matt Griffin, one of this year's graduating members of the football team, said that he was surprised by the much higher level of competition on the college fields of Division III football.

"Everyone is a lot bigger and things happen so much faster out there," he said.

Griffin said that for him, the only negative aspect of playing football at Westfield State College was the fact that he "had to walk down to the turf every day."

Bob Fleming, a soccer and lacrosse player, said that although playing sports has taken up much of his free time, he has not suffered academically because he has learned to budget his time wisely.

Fleming summed up the feeling of many of this fall's senior athletes.

"I wouldn't have wanted to go through college without playing sports. It kept me going and always gave me something to look forward to."

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Women X-Country Team: Coach Doug Allen, Denise McNulty, Linda Phillips and Debbie Leivi. (Mickey Curtis SID photo).

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Varsity basketball team raises cash by raking

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The Westfield State Men's Varsity basketball team decided to take advantage of the season to raise money needed for athletic equipment.

Head Coach Bob Lawless said the team has been raking leaves for two weekends in an effort "to raise funds to buy some of the smaller equipment that the college used to be able to afford, but no longer can."

This past weekend was to be the third and final weekend the team took to the leaves, said Lawless, because they have a tournament next weekend.

Lawless said the team raised approximately $1000 during the first two weekends. Some possible uses for the money are sneakers, small equipment, meal money for when the team travels, and maybe warm-up suits, he said.

According to Lawless, the team's efforts were successful. "We basically tried to keep ourselves confined to the Westfield area, especially around the campus," he said. "We had so many responses, we couldn't handle them all."

Lawless said the college provided a place for the team to dump the leaves.

Also, in an effort to gain exposure for Westfield State and perhaps attract athletes to the school, the team recently ran a basketball clinic for children in Southwick.

Lawless said the purpose of the clinic was "two-fold:" it helped "build up the image of Westfield (State)," and it helped Southwick "to develop their athletic department."

Lawless said the clinic is one of several ideas the coaches and team have had to gain exposure for the college. Their goal, he said, is "to try and promote Westfield (State) and goodwill."

Because the team is almost into the season, Lawless said they will not be able to hold another clinic this year, but they do plan on doing it again in the future.

He said the clinic gave the team an "opportunity to work with some of the young kids in Southwick." He said there was a wide range of age groups and the team especially enjoyed working with the younger children who had not yet developed any basketball skills. "The kids themselves really enjoyed it," he said.

Athlete of the Week

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Lisa Dolan, the womens' soccer team goalie, had an outstanding season. Dolan, a sophomore, had nine shutouts in 15 starts with a .640 goals against average. She was named the Massachusetts State Athletic Conference goalie and this week named WSC Athlete of the Week. (Sports Information Photo).

OWL SCOREBOARD

— WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL —

WSC 0 — Bridgewater 3
WSC 0 — Salem 3
FINAL 4-16

— FOOTBALL —

WSC 20 — Framingham 15
FINAL 5-4

— FIELD HOCKEY —

WSC 2 — ELMS 0
FINAL 10-4-1

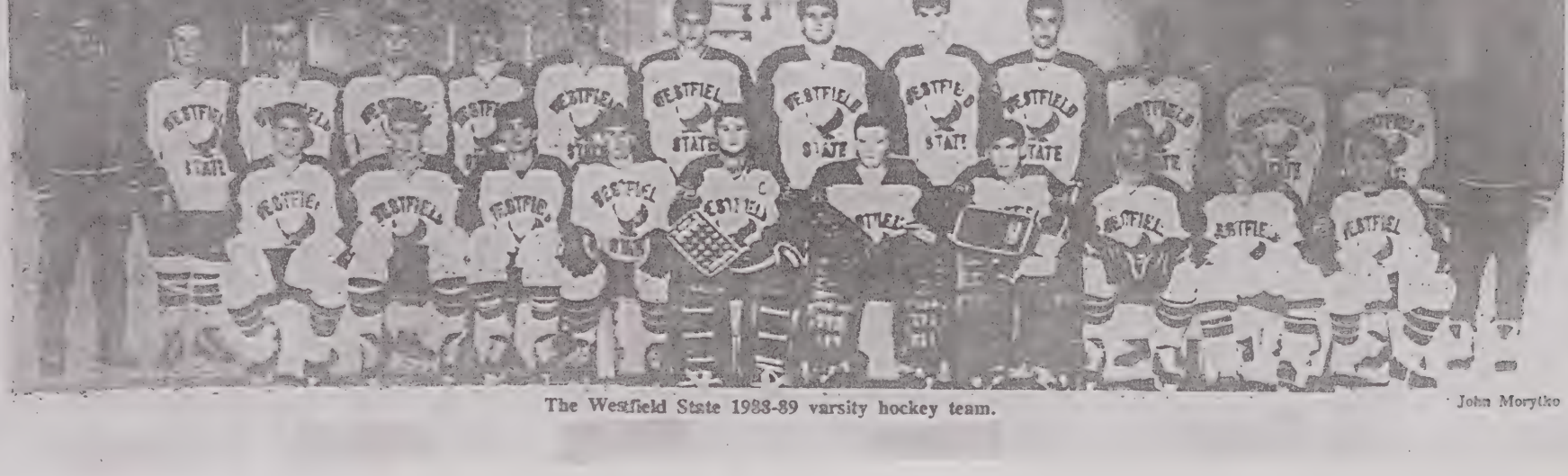
— MEN'S SOCCER —

WSC 2 (OT) — AIC 1
FINAL 12-4-1

1988 Westfield State Composite Winter Sports Schedule

NOVEMBER

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME	SPORT
04	Brock University	Brockport Tournament	4:30	Hockey
05	Brockport Tournament	Brockport, NY	4:30/7:30	Hockey
09	U. of Connecticut	Away	7:00	Hockey
17	Curry	Home	7:30	Hockey
18	Albany	Albany Tournament	8:30	Men's Basketball
19	Albany Tournament	Albany, NY	6:30/8:30	Men's Basketball
19	North Adams	Elms Tournament	1:00	Women's Basketball
20	Elms Tournament	Chicopee	1:00/3:00	Women's Basketball
22	Roger Williams	Away	5:30	Women's Basketball
22	Babson	Away	7:00	Hockey
26	Southeastern Mass.	Home	2:00	Men's Basketball
28	Trinity	Away	8:00	Men's Basketball
29	Amherst	Away	7:00	Women's Basketball
29	Trinity	Home	7:30	Hockey
30	WPI	Home	7:00	Swimming



The Westfield State 1988-89 varsity hockey team. John Morytko

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Athlete of the Week

Lynne Cusick, freshman halfback of the women's soccer team, is a high scorer with 14 points, four goals and six assists. She made the second team all New England and her coach feels she could be an All American by the time she's a senior.

WSC riders end season

By Sheri Conley

The WSC Equestrian club wrapped up its fall season on Oct. 30 capturing eight ribbons at its own show at King Oak Farm in Southampton.

Colleen Hughes took third place in Class 2A. This was her best ride of the season. She'll be back next semester competing in Class 3 Beginner Walk-Trot-Canter.

In her first show of the season, sophomore Tracey Stewart placed fifth in Class 3C. Competing for the first time on the intercollegiate level, Freshman Brenda Jones took fifth place in class 2A.

Paul Kane had a great ride, capturing second place in his Beginner Walk-Trot-Canter class. Sheri Conley placed fourth in Class 5.

Sophomore Jennifer Goba also placed fourth in her class. Goba competed in Beginner Walk-Trot-Canter and will be back next semester to compete in Class 3.

Veterans Lisa-Marie Armitage and Heather McQuade both took fifth place in Class 2B and 4B, respectively.

Sharon Jarret and AnnMarie Souza had strong showings in Class 2B.

"We've had a great season," commented Jennifer Goba, "and next season should be even better!"

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— Women's Soccer —

WSC 2	Quinnipiac 1

— Women's Volleyball —

WSC 3	Worcester State College 1
WSC 3	Eastern Connecticut 0
WSC 3	Salem State 1

— Men's SOCCER —

WSC 0	Salem State 2
WSC 0	Bridgewater State 1
WSC 2	American Int'l College 1

— Field Hockey —

WSC 5	Worcester State College 0
WSC 0	Williams College 2

— Football —

WSC 7	Southeastern Mass. University 0

Sports Notes

Annual Intramural Racquetball Tournament Register NOW in the Intramurals Office (Ely 231) through Nov. 17. Singles and Doubles for both men and women will be scheduled.

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1988-89 SMITH CUP POINT TOTALS —

(After fall sports season)

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TEAM	MEN'S SOCCER	WOMEN'S SOCCER	FIELD HOCKEY	Volleyball	MEN'S TENNIS	WOMEN'S TENNIS	MEN'S X-COUNTRY	WOMEN'S X-COUNTRY	FOOTBALL	TOTALS
Salem	2	8	3	4	6	5	1/2	1	X	27 1/2
Bridgewater	2	0	6	8	0	5	1/2	0	2	21 1/2
Westfield	0	4	3	0	3	1	3	2	2	18
Fitchburg	6	X	0	0	0	*	2	3	0	11
North Adams	2	0	X	0	3	1	0	0	X	6
Worcester	0	X	0	0	0	**	0	X	6	6
Framingham	0	2	0	2	X	X	0	0	0	4
Mass Maritime	0	X	X	X	0	X	0	X	2	2

X - Do not compete in this MASCA sport *-Dropped sport just before the season; will count towards final Smith Cup points totals
6 points are awarded for first place, 4 for second place and 2 for third place in the round robin competitions.
3 points are awarded for first place, 2 for second place and 1 for third place in the tournament competitions (cross country)

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Hockey players 'slaves for day'

By Karen Frawley

Do you ever find yourself wishing that just once, YOU could be the one to give orders instead of simply taking them from others all the time?

The 1988 varsity hockey team will make that dream come true for the five winners of its raffle contest this year.

According to Jeff Mancovsky, a senior member of the team, the hockey players have decided to sponsor a "slave for a day" raffle in which the winners will be allowed to choose any member of the team as his or her "slave for a day."

Mancovsky stressed that while the hockey players chosen would have to do whatever the winners wanted, within reason, no orders could be issued that would interfere with the players' classes or would involve breaking the law.

"It's all supposed to be good old fashioned clean fun," said Mancovsky.

The raffle began a week before Halloween. Mancovsky said that the raffle has already served its initial purpose, which was to raise enough money to cover hotel expenses for the team's first tournament. He added that the raffle would be extended until the Tuesday after the Thanksgiving day break.

"We'd like to be able to go away next year for an extended tournament trip," said Mancovsky. "The hockey team has had a bad reputation over the past few seasons, and we are trying to change that by upgrading the program to a more respectable level."

Tickets for the "slave for a day" raffle are $2 each and will be sold in the SU lobby on the nights of November 21, 22, 28 and 29.

Equestrians offer riding lessons

By Sandy Cormier

The Westfield State College Equestrian Club was founded six years ago by Kelly Clarke, a student at Westfield State.

Today, the Equestrian Club is a student-run organization, headed by it's president Lisa-Marie Armitage. The advisors for the club are Professors Ann Pasquino and Tom Milette.

The Equestrian Club holds lessons once a week at King Oak Farms on College Highway in Southampton. The lessons are divided into three sections. Beginners and intermediate riders ride on Wednesday nights, and advanced riders ride on Thursday nights.

The lessons are taught by Fran Cross, who has been teaching Westfield State College students how to ride horses for the past three years.

Transportation to the stables are provided by the Westfield State Mini-vans. Practicing more than once a week is virtually impossible due to scheduling conflicts with the mini-van service.

Heather McQuade, a second year club member said, "We compete seven to eight times a year, against schools like Yale, University of Connecticut, Wheaton College, Mount Holyoke and Clark College. These colleges practice every day for many hours, and we can only practice one hour a week."

Beginners are always welcome, and no previous experience is required. Any student who may be interested in joining the club may attend the meetings which are held every Monday night in Scanlon at 7 p.m.

...Announcements...

Intramural 4-on-4 basketball rosters and officiating signups due in intramural office on Nov. 22.

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Interested in going to Europe? Well the Criminal Justice Club is sponsoring a trip to Europe and the Continent. There will be a meeting Monday, Nov. 28 in the Dickinson Commons room at 3:30. All are welcome.

1988 WESTFIELD STATE COMPOSITE SPORTS SCHEDULE — DECEMBER 1988

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME	SPORT
01	American International	Away	7:30	Men's Basketball
02	Montclair State	Montclair State Tourney	4:00	Women's Basketball
03	Montclair St. Tournament	Montclair, NJ	2:00/4:00	Women's Basketball
03	Brown University Open	Providence, RI	TBA	Indoor Track
03	Western New England	Home	7:30	Hockey
03	SE Mass. Invitational	North Dartmouth	12:00	Swimming
05	North Adams	Home	7:30	Hockey
06	Western Connecticut	Home	8:00	Men's Basketball
06	Western Connecticut	Home	6:00	Women's Basketball
06	Mt. Holyoke	Home	7:00	Swimming
08	Western New England	Away	7:30	Men's Basketball
08	Hamilton	Home	7:30	Hockey
08	Connecticut College	Home	7:00	Women's Basketball
10	Harvard Invitational	Cambridge	TBA	Indoor Track
10	Roger Williams	Home	2:00	Men's Basketball
10	UMass/Boston	Home	7:30	Hockey
11	Western New England	Away	2:00	Women's Basketball
14	Southern Connecticut	Away	7:00	Swimming

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Hockey team rebuilds with incoming talent

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By Michael McMahon

The 1988-89 Westfield Fighting Owls have started their season in hopes of improving on last year's record of 1-19-1. Coach Bob Badone remains optimistic in his second year as head coach after a disappointing debut. "We're a bigger team this year. We got a lot of new kids this year," he adds.

The incoming talent includes the return of center Gary Balentine, who has transfered back to WSC. Also joining the team are two former high school all-stars defensemen Jason Cowan and Rob Direnzios, and three time commonwealth all star forward Brian Wonson, who held twelve high school scoring records at Rockport High.

The defense suffered a blow when former Springfield Olympic player, Rob Ranaldi suffered a broken ankle, he is figured to be lost until after Christmas.

Returning starters include centers Billy Ferreira, Brian Lincoln, and Brian Whitfield. Senior Kevin Craig leads the defensemen and junior Scott O'Brien returns at the forward position.

Goalie David Ash figures to get a lot of playing time, though Badone will have stoppers Robert Burke and Jeff Mancovsky in relief roles.

Coach Badone says he would like to see more support from the students. He noted at the UConn game, UConn had plenty of people to root their team on.

Season in review

NOV. 21, 1988

By Mickey Curtis, SID

The Westfield State athletic program once again made a positive impact on the College, with most of its 10 fall sports teams producing winning seasons.

In the seven round robin sports, the Owls compiled an aggregate record of 47-42-3, with four "major" sports achieving the most success. For the second time in two years, and the second time ever, the football, men's soccer, women's soccer and field hockey squad all finished with winning records during the same season. They totaled 37 wins, 16 losses, and three ties for a .698 winning percentage.

The Owls' success showed in the Smith Cup, the annual ratings competition held in the eight-school Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference (MASCAC) fall sports to earn 18 Smith points, good enough for third place heading into the winter sports campaign. The Owls were blanked in their strongest sport, men's soccer, while the defending conference champ volleyball team finished fourth.

Westfield State anticipates continuing its winning ways for the next several years as many of the 1988 fall sports squads were dominated by underclassmen. The following is a team-by-team wrapup.

FOOTBALL: 5-4 record, tied for second place

The Owls finished strong, winning their last three games to post their third consecutive winning season. Looking back, Westfield can say it came within four yards of winning the South Division of the New England Football Conference. The Owls had four plays inside the 10 late in their 13-7 loss to divisional champ Worcester State, but they came up four yards short of scoring.

The Owls were dominant defensively, as they failed to give up a sustained scoring drive all season. They were hurt at times by big scoring plays, however. Senior linebackers Pat Donoghue (Malden) and Chris Guiliani (Hanson)led the Owls with 108 and 98 tackles, respectively. Linemen Steve Duffy (Waltham), George Daly (Weymouth North), Bill Silvia (Dartmouth), Andy Guy (South Hadley) and Bob Taggert (Norwood) led a fierce pass rush they racked up 36 sacks in nine games. Anchoring the improved secondary were senior Matt Griffin (Wallingford, CT), who was third in the team with 63 tackles, and sophomore Chuck Carucci (North Reading), who intercepted seven passes this season to bring his career total to a school record tying 13 pass thefts.

Offensively, the Owls struggled throughout most of the season, but they showed noticeable improvement moving the ball by season's end. Freshman quarterback Brian Balestracci (Dartmouth), who earned a starting berth during the third game, led the team with 24 points, rushing for 188 gross yards and completing 48 of 117 passes for 627 yards.

Durable junior fullback Mike Condon (Bourne) was one of the hardest runners in the league, finishing with an even 400 yards rushing for a 3.6 per carry average. He aiso led the Owls with 16 pass receptions. Junior end Ed Griffin(Holyoke) raised some eyebrows during the final four games when he caught eight passes for 256 yards, a school record 32.0 yards per catch.

With standout lineman Andy Guy the only senior offensive starter, the Owls should have the experience and teamwork to score more often next season.

This was one of the most memorable seasons in a program rich in tradition, but it was also one of the most disappointing, as the Owl booters dropped four of their last six games to fade from the playoff picture. Battered and bruised by injuries, the ailing Owls lost four crucial games to opponents in their strong conference.

"We just had too many injuries," lamented veteran coach Jim Fonte, whose team had been 10-0-1 and ranked 19th nationally. "We did the best we could, but after a while when I turned around (to the bench) there was nobody else left to put in."

With all but six players returning and a strong recruiting year, the Owl booters are looking forward to next season when they plan to make another trip out west, to either Colorado or California, over the Labor Day weekend. Juniors Tim Kinski (Brewster) and Daryl Zanardi (Springfield) were the leading scorers with 37 and 30 points, respectively. Zanardi, an Old Dominion transfer, scored most of his points during the first half of the year before being sidelined with a hamstring injury.

Seniors Pat Sullivan (Westfield), Pat Connolly (North Andover), Rudy Veldwijk (Springfield), John Plumb (Springfield), John Riordan (Braintree), Chris Ochtera-(Duxbury) and Greg Perry (Bridgewater) were the leaders of the strong defense that limited the oppostion to 14 goals in 17 games.

WOMEN'S SOCCER: 10-4-1 record, second place

The young and talented women's soccer squad stamped itself as a contender for the next few years by winning the most games in the program's history. The Lady Owls were overlooked by the playoff selection committees despite winning 10 of their final 13 games and staying with some stong opposition. Westfield

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for WSC fall sports

Mickey Curtis, SID photo

Defensive celebration, the fighting Owls had their share this season on their way to a third consecutive winning season with a 5-4 record.

defeated Division I Columbia and tied Division II Springfield, while Division II power New Hampshire College rallied for a 2-1 overtime victory.

Five of Westfield's top six scorers were newcomers. Sophomore transfer Julie Keats (**Framingham**) led the team with 19 points followed by freshman Celine Carroll (Needham), freshman Lynne Cusick (Needham), sophomore transfer Christine Sweeney (**Monson**), junior transfer Sue Mathewson (**Weymouth North**) and sophomore Trish Censullo (**Tewksbury**), Aimee Ross (**Andover**), one of the team's two seniors and last year's leading scorer, tied for third with 14 points.

Spearheading Westfield's stingy defense were Cusick, a second team All New England pick, and juniors Lori Harpin (**Agawam**) and Deb Trainor (**Framingham**). Lisa Dolan (**Chelmsford**), who replaced injured starting goalie Deb Bousquet (**Ware**) during the second game of the season, was a pleasant surprise, as she allowed only .640 goals per game with nine shutouts.

FIELD HOCKEY: 10-4-1, tied for second place

The field hockey team also was snubbed by the postseason playoff pickers despite recording the second most wins in school history and playing tough against several playoff participants, including conference opponents Salem and Bridgewater. The Lady Owls tied Salem and lost to Bridgewater in overtime.

Sophomore Sharon Underwood (Uxbridge) led the conference in scoring with eight goals and 11 assists. Talented freshman Heather Cabral (Huntington) was second in scoring with 10 points, followed by junior MaryAnn Pelligrinelli (Enfield, CT), junior Shelly Olson (Holliston) and freshman Marci Olson (Holliston).

Defensively, the Lady Owl's had a good backstop in sophomore goalie Sue O'Malley (**Winchendon**), who gave up 16 scores in 15 games.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL: 4-16, fourth place

It was a rebuilding season for the Lady Owl spikers, who returned two starters from last year's conference champ. Westfield did show improvement during the latter part of the season, and finished a 3-3 league record.

Sophomore starters Lynne Farrington (**Athol**), Andrea Stafford (**Miller Falls**), Kelly Graves (**Miller Falls**) give the spikers plenty to be optimistic about for the next several years.

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY: Conference champ

The Running Owls experienced an "off season" despite running away with their fifth straight conference crown. Westfield, which placed third in New England to qualify for the NCAA championships last season, placed 13th in the regionals this year. Running well all season was Steve Gaebel(**Boxborough**), who qualified for the national championships for the second straight year. Gaebel, one of only two seniors on the team, placed ninth in a field of 200 New England Division III runners with a time of 25:17 over the five mile layout.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY: Second place in conference.

The female harriers relied on quality in earning recognition in 1988. Leader of the pack for Westfield was freshman standout Linda Phillips (**Southwick**). She was followed by seniors Denise McNulty (**Belmont**) and Deb Lievi (**Canton**). Westfield, which was unable to field a full team for most of the season, took three of the top nine spots to place a respectable second in the conference championships.

MEN'S TENNIS: 5-5 record, tied for second place

First-year head coach John Morizio pumped some new enthusiam and a few more victories into the men's tennis program, as the netters posted one of their best records in recent seasons.

The Owls' even record is deceptive, as they played Division I schools UMass/Amherst and Connecticut. Morizio, a star player for the Owls in the mid.'70s, guided his all-underclassmen team to a 4-1 league record. Some of Westfield's top players were Bert Robvetto (**Westfield**), Jeff Hamilton (**Braintree**), Dean Holzinger (**Hudson**), Kevin Hamel (**Chicopee**), Bob Coelln (**Feeding Hills**), Scott Sherman (**Shrewsbury**) and James Hallett (**Southampton**).

WOMEN'S TENNIS: 1-5 record, tied for third place

The top players for the women's team, which finished 1-2 in league competition, were junior Robin Capone (**Wakefield**), the No. 1 singles player, and sophomore Beth Woodson (**Walpole**). They also proved to be a competitive doubles team.

GOLF

The linksters of veteran coach John Furty turned in another solid showing, placing 14th out of 47 teams in the All New England championships and ninth in the ECAC regional qualifier. Senior Kevin Piecuch (**Wilbraham**), shot his season average score of 76 to place sixth in the ECAC regionals and qualify for the ECAC championships in Hershy, Pa. Piecush was all alone in third place after the first round with a 73 on the championship course, but finished in a tie for 24th.

Junior Lee Craig (**Easthampton**) led Westfield to its respectable showing in the All New England with a two-round total of 162.

WESTFIELD STATE OWL SCOREBOARD

MEN'S BASKETBALL 2-4

WSC 100	AIC 109
WSC	Western
68	Conn. ST. 80

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 3-4

WSC 50	Monclair St. 58
WSC 55	Messhiah 53
WSC	Western
48	Conn. St. 74

HOCKEY 1-6

WSC 1	WNEC 8
WSC 4	N. Adams 12

WOMEN'S SWIM TEAM 1-1

WSC	Mt. Holyoke
76	200

MEN'S TRACK

PATRICK DOWKINS, Placed 3rd in the 55 meter dash - qualified for the N.E. Division II meet.

THAD LAPES, Placed 5th in the 500 meter.

JIM FORREST, Placed 5th in the long jump.

WOMEN'S TRACK

DENISE MCNULTY, 5th in the 800 meters.

LINDA PHILLIPS, 5th in the 3,000 meters

DEBBIE LEARY, 6th in the 3,000 meter.

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Athlete of the Week

Senior forward Kevin Craig has compiled three goals and three assists in the Owls' first three games. The hockey player was named to the Brochport, N.Y. All tournament team and is this week's WSC Athlete of the Week. (SID photo)

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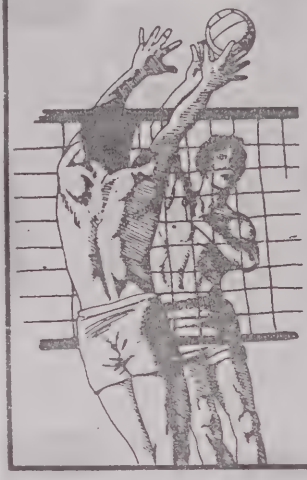

MEN'S VARSITY VOLLEYBALL MEETING

held Tuesday, Nov. 29 4 P.M. Room 233 ELY

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SOCCER*	DRILLERS	FUTURE SHOCK
VOLLEYBALL*	FLAPS	ALABAMA SLAMMERS
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New faces improve team

By Mickey Curtis

The Westfield State College ice hockey team is taking on a new look this season with new uniforms and 11 new faces on its 23-player roster. The different appearance is one in which second-year head coach Bob Badone is confident will produce more victories this season.

"We're going to win some games this year," siad Badone, who suffered through a 1-19-1 record his first season with the Owls. "We got some guys that can put the puck in the net.

"You'll see the difference," he added. "Some of these guys can really fly. Skill-wise, they should be more enjoyable to watch."

The incoming talent coupled with the returning vets should make the Owls a better all around team. They averaged 3.7 goals per game last season while allowing 8.6.

"Offensively, we are going to be better; we got some good freshman who can really skate," said Badone. "Defensively, we'll be better as soon as we get everyone on the ice at the same time. We've had two or three injuries already that have set us back. It's tough to play with only three or four defenders."

Sidelined with injuries until after the holidays are junior Tim Morgan (knee ligaments) and Bob Ranaldi (broken ankle), a promising freshman from East Longmeadow who played for the Springfield Olympics. Jeff Buddenhagen, a freshman from Enfield, Conn. is hobbled with a broken toe.

"We'll definitely be better defensively once we get healthy," said Badone.

Westfield defenders taking shifts on the ice now are junior Stephen Pacific, the team's top defender; junior Bob Houldson and newcomer Jason Cowan, Rob DiRienzo and Eric Ross. The goalies, all returnees, are Dave Ash, Robert Burke and Jeff Mancovsky.

"Our goalies should be much better this year because they have experience and will be getting a lot more help defensively" said Badone. "Our defense should help them by cutting down on the shots and the breakaways."

The Owls' No. 1 shift up front is junior center Billy Ferreira, the team's leading returning scores; senior captain Kevin Craig, who moved from defense; and junior Scott O'Brien, who showed much improvement at the end of last season. The second shift consists of highly regarded freshman Brian Wonson, who set 12 scoring records in high school; Gary Balentine, who played for the Owls two years ago; and Brian Lincoln, who also was a defender.

"We got three lines that are a little more balanced this year," said Badone. "Last year one line did all the scoring."

Returnees Garrett Cooper and Brian Whitfield comprise the third line along with freshman Paul Rando or Derek Varney. Also seeing ice time will be freshman Bill Baxter and Paul Donnellan.

Badone speaks highly of his recruits, but cautions it may take them some time to adjust to the college game.

"We recruited a lot of them and we're pleased with the people we got," said Badone, "but some of them are still only 18 years old while most colleges have freshmen who have played for a year in a prep school.

"But we're going to get better every game."

WSC Sports Roundup

By Anthony Colonnino

The men's basketball team is off to a running start. As coach Lawless said, the Owls are running and pressing, trying to create fastbreak points. As of this writing, the Owls' record stands at an even 2-2. The losses came at the hands of Albany, 79-71, at the Albany Tournament, and Trinity, 83-73, last Tuesday night. Sandwiched in between those two losses were wins against Nazareth, 74-67, and an upset, 92-89, win over Southeastern Massachusetts University who was ranked number five in Division III by *Sports Illustrated*.

Playing well for the Owls is junior transfer Sean Williams. Williams leads the team in scoring with 27 points per game and 8.75 rebounds per game. In the S.M.U. game Williams scored 19 points and had the game saving steal and basket with time running out. Leading the attack in the S.M.U. victory was sophomore Leonard Bass who had a team high 24 points and 11 rebounds.

In last Tuesday night's loss to Trinity, the Owls were simply outsized. Trinity had a front line of 6'9", 6'7", and 6'7". Even though the Owls were outsized, they came back from a 16 point deficit to tie the game before eventually losing by 10 points. Williams was the leading scorer with 35 points and the Owls got a boost from freshman Tom Brincklow who tossed in 12 points.

Men's hockey has started the season with a 1-5 record. Their last three losses have come at the hands of Curry, 8-4, Babson, 10-0, and Trinity, 6-2. Leading the team in scoring are senior defenseman Kevin Craig, 9 points (3 goals and 6 assists), junior center Billy Ferreira 8 points (4 goals and 4 assists), and junior forward Scott O'Brien, 7 points (3 goals and 3 assists). Sharing the goalie duties are sophomores David Ash and Bob Burke. Both have combined for an 81 percent save percentage which isn't bad except they are facing an average of 42 shots a game.

The womens' hoop team got off on the right foot winning the Elms Tournament. In their first game the Owls trounced North Adams College 77-35. Leading the team in scoring was senior center Felicia Byers with 12 points. Senior guard Wendy Kelly scored 8 points, had 7 assists, and 4 steals. Also contributing were freshman guard Denise Taylor, 8 points, and junior forward Kris Jackivicz, 10 points and 10 rebounds. In their 68-56 victory against Elms, Elms Tournament M.V.P. Kelly had 19 points and 9 assists. Freshman forward Kim McMillan scored 18 points and Jackivicz threw in 15 points.

Following those victories the Owls dropped two games. The first was a 63-57 loss to Roger Williams. In that game McMillan had 16 points, Kelly had 9 assists, and senior Tessa Chenaille had 13 points. Wednesday night the Owls fell to Amherst in a close one, 60-56.

Athlete of the Week

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This week's athlete of the week is basketball player Wendy Kelley. The senior point guard has been a mainstay of the team since she transferred to Westfield as a junior last year. Thus far this season, she is the Lady Owls' leading scorer with a 14 point-per game average. She also leads the team in assists with 33 after four games. Kelley was recently named MVP of the Elms College tournament. (SID photo)

Runners end season

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By Mickey Curtis (SID)

Westfield State had its most successful indoor season in 1988. The Owls finished 10th in the NCAA III national championship, and had six athletes achieve All America honors. Four of those athletes, John Desforge, Lance Campbell, Peter Mole, and Miles Woodhouse return to lead this year's team.

The mile relay and the long sprints should again be the strength of the 1989 addition of the Fighting Owls. Campbell, Desforge, Mole and Woodhouse all have much mile relay experience. Chasing this group will be several newcomers who could make an immediate impact. Frosh Thad Lopes has had national experience at the high school level, and has run 48.4 for the 400 in a relay. Also a contender in the long sprints will be frosh Tom Graves, who has been the surprise of this talented frosh group.

The middle distance and distance groups will be paced by Lance Campbell, and Steve Gaebel. Campbell, 4th in the 800m in the national championship last March, has been slowed this fall by an operation, but should be back to strength by February. Gaebel, who was a NCAA III qualifier in cross country this fall, will be attempting to qualify in the 5000m. Also running the 5000m will be Kevin O'Brien who is coming off a strong cross country season, and sophs Mark Curry, and Chris Kiatos. Joining Campbell in the 800m, untapped potential Tom Maher from Norwood High School.

The short sprints will be manned by senior Peter Mole, and newcomers Patrick Dawkins, and Russ Theall. Mole, in addition to his duties on the mile relay, has placed in the NE III meet in the 55m and the 200m. Both Dawkins and Theall come to Westfield State with strong sprinting credentials, and should be factors at NE III level.

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OWL SCOREBOARD

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 2-2

WSC 77	North Adams 35
WSC 68	Elms 56
WSC 57	Roger Williams 63
WSC 56	Amherst 60

Men's Basketball 2-2

WSC 71	Albany 79
WSC 74	Nazareth 67
WSC 92	SMU 89
WSC 73	Trinity 83

Women's Swimming 1-0

WSC 143	WPI 117

Ice Hockey 1-5

WSC 5	Brock University 9
WSC 6	URochester 4
WSC 3	UConn 11
WSC 4	Curry 8
WSC 0	Babson 10
WSC 2	Trinity 6

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Senate denies fee increase for athletics

By Karen Frawley

After about two hours of discussion and debate, Student Senate voted for level funding in the athletic budget, a move which in effect opposes any increase in the students' athletic fee.

Athletic Director Paul Bogan went before Senate to answer questions and explain the up and down sides of each of the three budget proposals presented for Senate's vote.

Bogan said that he would abide by the student's decision when he takes his budget recommendation to the president's office.

He warned the Senators that by voting for no fee increase, they would virtually assure that some of the colleges 22 varsity sports teams would have to be cut.

With no fee increase, the athletic department is looking at deficit next year of close to $70,000 dollars.

"Last year, people thought I was joking when I talked about program reductions," he said. "It's now a hard fact -- we will have to reduce the program."

A fee increase of $50 dollars Bogan said, would allow the athletic department to maintain all 22 varsity sports for two to three years, and would also provide enough funds for an increase in the intramural program.

With a $25 increase in the athletic fee, Bogan said that "we won't get a lot of the things we need, such as uniforms, a van, and an increase in intramurals. We'd survive, but there would still be cuts. The $25 dollars just balances the budget, that's all."

The program, according to Bogan, cannot function as it is now with level, or zero, funding. He could not say at that time where the cuts will come from, but mentioned that last year when cuts were discussed, three teams that would be considered for dropping were men's hockey, women's gymnastics and men's volleyball.

The intramurals program is one part of the athletic department that may suffer as a result of Senate's vote. (File photo)

Bogan said that sports would be cut equally in terms of the men's and women's programs. Currently, there are 12 men's sports and 10 women's.

Much of the athletic department's fiscal dilemma stems from the fact that certain fixed salaries are paid for out of the student's fees. These positions include the storekeeper (equipment manager), the sports information director, and the trainer. Bogan agreed with Senate that students should not have to pay the salaries of college personnel. He said that although the Commonwealth of Massachusetts picks up the salaries of several such employees at other colleges in the state, it did not do so at Westfield because the president of the college at the time, Irving Buchen, did not place athletics high on his list of priorities for state funding.

"We have no control over this in Boston, so for now, students are stuck paying the fixed salaries," Bogan said.

Students are currently paying $113.50 for the athletic fee. Two years ago Senate voted to increase the fee by $50, but former President Buchen approved an increase of only $25 dollars.

Last year, Senate voted for a $16 fee increase, but due to administrative problems, the fee increase did not become reality.

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Varsity athletes step into spotlight

By Mickey Curtis, SID

Thirty varsity athletes representing Westfield State's 10 fall sports teams were honored for their outstanding individual efforts on the playing fields this season.

Fourteen of the athletes were awarded first team honors in the voting conducted by the coaches and sports information directors of the Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference. MASCAC comprises the eight state schools in the commonwealth who compete in Division III of the NCAA.

Twenty-two of the honorees are underclassmen, and more then one-third of them played for two of Westfield's most successful teams this fall. Seven members of the field hockey squad were chosen, including these first teamers — sophomore Sharon Underwood, the league's leading scorer; sophomore goalie Sue O'Malley and junior halfback Laura Mahoney. Honorable mention selections were juniors MaryAnn Pellegrinelli and Shelley Olson, senior Mary Santo and freshman Jeanne Reed.

The women's soccer team was also dominated by underclassmen. The team, which finished with an identical 10-4-1 record, had four first-team players. Junior sweeper Lori Harpin's names was marked on each ballot and senior Aimee Ross repeated as a first-team pick. Junior back Deb Trainor and sophomore goalie Lisa Dolan completed the foursome, while freshman Lynne Cusick, who made second-team All New England, was an honorable mention selection.

Other MASCAC first teamers included junior Robin Capone and sophomore Beth Woodson, the women's tennis squad's No. 1 doubles. Woodson also was an all conference singles player. Westfield's strong cross country program landed five all conference runners — seniors Steve Cassell, Steve Fleming and Denise McNulty, junior Chris Kiatos and freshman standout Linda Phillips. Gaebel, who competed in the national championships, was all conference for the third consecutive year.

Rounding out the honorable mentions selections were juniors Bob Fleming, Tim Kinski and Daryl Zanardi (men's soccer), sophomore Andrea Stafford (women's volleyball), and juniors Bert Rovetto and Bob Coelln (men's tennis doubles). Coelln also made the singles team honorable mention list.

In other postseason balloting, five Westfield State football players landed second team berths in the 14-school New England Football Conference. They were senior lineman Andy Guy, senior linebackers Chris Guiliani and Pat Donoghue, sophomore punter Jeff Rothberg and sophomore defensive back Chuck Carucci.

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The Sports staff wishes you a happy and safe holiday!

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Karate Club finishes second

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By Mark Gwozdz

The Westfield State Karate Club participated in a series of tournaments this semester which qualified the club for a championship tournament held on November 20th. The club competed in the forms competition and point fighting.

A form competition is comprised of 5 team members who individually perform a floor exercise utilizing various self-defense techniques. The individual team member is then awarded a score based on a point scale from 1-10. Competing in the forms competition for Westfield State were Shawn Lunney, Mark Gwozdz, Matt "Spidey" Moriarty, Melissa Samson and Peter Lyons. Outstanding forms competitor for the tournament was Peter Lyons from Westfield State. Overall, Westfield State placed second to West Point by a mere 7 points.

The point fighting began with the women's team. Fighting for the women's team were: Michelle Merson, Michelle Hebner, Melissa Samson, Carolyn Cady and Shannon Toothaker. The women's team swept the competition bringing home the first place trophy. Melissa Samson and Michelle Hebner were both awarded individual All-Star trophies.

Following the women's competition, the Men's A Team battled it out with six colleges placing them with the fourth place trophy for the day. The A Team squared off against Westpoint, Merchant Marines, UMass, Boston University, Western New England College and Lowell University. Leading off for the A Team was Jeff Szymaniak followed by Mark Gwozdz, Shawn Lunney, Matt "Spidey" Moriarty, Peter Lyons, and Tony Trodella. A trophy for the most outstanding individual fighter was awarded to Mark Gwozdz. Due to the number of colleges participating, the Men's B Teams did not compete.

The Karate Club finished a strong second at a regional meet at WNEC.

Athlete of the Week

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This week's athlete of the week is junior basketball player Sean Williams. Williams, a transfer student from AIC, is currently averaging 28 points per game to lead the Owls. He also has had 16 dunks in six games and was recently named ECAC Player of the Week. (SID photo)

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Senior Kelly Lachance goes over the crowd to shoot the ball during the team's recent loss to Western Conn. State. (Photo by Pawel Pieczara)

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Recommendation: Suspend 10 varsity sports

By Anthony Colannino

The Athletic Council voted 4-3 on Jan. 26 to recommend the suspension of ten varsity sports for the 1989-90 semesters.

The ten sports are as follows: golf, men's tennis, women's tennis, ice hockey, indoor track, women's swimming, women's volleyball, men's volleyball, lacrosse, and gymnastics.

"There was no magic formula to decide which sports should be suspended and which should stay," said athletic director Paul Bogan. "The factors we did look at were overall participation, available on campus facilities, the ratio of men to women sports, and cost per athlete," said Bogan.

The Athletic Council is a subcommittee and was set up by the task force to evalutate the condition of Westfield State's varsity sports for the 1988/89 semesters. The council was made up of faculty members Professor Harry Stessel, Professor Alida Merlo, Vice President of Academic Affairs William Lopes, Professor Martha Van Allen, student Ann Webster, and the Vice President of Student Senate Mark Rockwal. Stessel, Merlo, Lopes and Professor Martha Van Allen voted for the recommendation and Webster, Rockwal, and Maura Ryan voted against the recommendation.

The recommendation will now be sent to interim president Dr. Randolph Bromery. He will decide if the teams will be suspended. It is likely that Bromery will agree with the recommendation. In the event that Bromery does agree with the recommendation Westfield State will be left with only 12 intercollegiate varsity teams.

The current budget for Westfield's twenty-two teams is $368,000 and the cost is $364,000. The current budget is made up of the $113.50 athletic fee paid by 2,800 students equaling $317,800 and $49,200 left over from last year's budget. The costs include travel, permant postion salaries, coach salaries, trainer salary, and equipment among other things.

"Running the athletic program with just barely enough funds," said Bogan, "is a disservice to the athletes and the school."

Following this semester there will only be $4,000 left in the athletic trust fund and adding the $317,800 paid by students the athletic budget will fall short for 1989-90 semesters.

The Task Force on Athletics set up last year by former President Irving Buchen studied the athletic program at Westfield State and the athletic budget funds and costs for the 1988-89 semester.

What the task force found was that WSC had a solid competitive program that was in desperate need of funding. It was recommended that the three full time permanent postions of the athletic program be funded through the WSC institiutional budget and not the athletic trust fund as is currently done. These three full time postions which are funded through the Athletic trust fund are the athletic trainer, sports information director, and store keeper. Their salaries equal $100,000 and are raised each year by six percent. The task forces stated, "The combination of escalating salaries and state-mandated fringe benefits for individuals in these latter postions places a continuing strain on the athletic budget."

What the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the past presidents of WSC should have been doing for the past twenty-six years was picking up the salaries of permanent postion holders and taking them off the athletic trust fund, said Bogan.

In addition the task force also recommended that administrative costs such as insurance, National Collegiate Athletic Association membership fees, athletic equipment, and facility costs be incorporated into the institutional budget.

An athletic fee increase was also recommended. "Based upon the evidence that has been presented in the past semester, the Task Force voted to support the recommendation contained within the Athletic Council Report that the Athletic Trust Fund fee by increased by $25 for the 1988/89 academic year."

The Athletic Council recommended the fee increase to the Student Senate on April 26, 1988. During the following Student Senate meeting on May 3, 1988, the fee increased was passed. Then Student Senate President Pip vetoed the fee increase and proposed an increase of $16. The $16 fee increase was passed, but was not added on to the students bill for the 1988-89 semesters.

Without the fee increase the budget will fall short by approximately $70,000 for 1989-90. As a result, the 10 teams were recommended to be suspended. Even with the fee increase the task force stated concern for the future of the athletics at WSC. "The Task Force firmly believes that even with this proposed fee increase, there is a serious concern about the status of the intercollegiate athletic program in 1989-90."

A fee increase of $50 was passed by Student Senate for the 1987-88 semesters. After the increase was passed, Buchen cut the increase to $25. This cut severed over $60,000 from the athletic budget.

"Buchen wanted to increase the athletic fee $25 a year for three years," said Bogan. "If Buchen didn't cut that increase, I would be going to Student Senate to ask for a $10-$15 increase."

Goalie Bob Burke is aided by senior captain Kevin Craig who has 23 points on the season. WSC's ice hockey team is one of 10 varsity sports facing suspension because of the college's budget crunch. (SID Photo).

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Women bounce back, hang on to defeat Rams

By KAREN FRAWLEY

Westfield's women's basketball team held off a late second half challenge to defeat conference rival Framingham State. The win brings the Owls' conference record to 2-2, 7-10 overall.

The team's victory comes in the wake of a devastating 48-35 loss to Rhode Island College. Coach Hilton White said the Framingham win was a much-needed morale-booster.

The first half ended with the Owls holding on to a 21-17 lead. The home team got down to business in the second half and opened up their lead to thirteen. Coach White attributed much of the team's early second half success to the playmaking and scoring of senior point guard Wendy Kelley.

Kelley, who Coach White called "the best guard Westfield has ever had," had 13 points, nine of which came on three-pointers, and six assists in the contest.

Coach White credited his entire squad for contributing to the win. The team has struck a balance between its five returning veterans and its six less experienced players, five of whom are freshmen. White makes it a point, according to Assistant Coach Yvette Davis, to start one freshman per game on a rotating basis.

The Owls fell victims to a scourge of turnovers in the middle of the second half, which almost caused them to lose their game-long lead. The closest the Rams came to overtaking the Owls was at 2:26 to go, 47-46.

It was at the 47-46 juncture that White's confidence in his freshmen paid off. It was freshman guard Denise Taylor's turn in the spotlight. The rookie went on scoring war in the final three minutes of the game pouring in the team's final nine points of the game. She also had four assists and five steals to go along with her nine points.

Framingham State paid for its lack of depth beyond its three big scorers. Combined, three of the team's starters average 54 of their 60.5 points per game average. Two of Framingham's three big guns fouled out in the middle of the second half, leaving the Owls free to run the remaining opponents into the ground.

Senior Co-captain Kelly LaChance shared high scoring honors with Wendy Kelley. LaChance had 7 rebounds to go along with her 13 points.

Also covering the boards were Tessa Chenaille and Kristina Jackivicz, with 11 apiece.

Coach White is looking for his freshmen to assume an even more important r[illegible] before the end of the season.

He especially points to freshmen Kim McMillan as a player who will have to take on more scoring responsibilities if the team is to continue winning.

White added that he has had to revise his pre-season goals for the team, and he hopes to lose only one or two more games during the remainder of the season.

Assistant Coach Davis, herself a former standout for the Owls, said that the team's attitude would make the difference between winning and losing.

"If they play up to their potential, they can win, there's no doubt about it," said Davis. "Success is as simple as keeping our attitude together, and if we work together, it'll be easy street."

The Owls' next home game is at 6 p.m. versus Bridgewater.

Sports Roundup

DEC. 1988

By Anthony Colonnino

The track team started their indoor season last week with a good showing in the Brown University Invitational. Two freshmen placed in the running events. In the 55-meter-dash Patrick Dawkins placed third with a time of 6.55 seconds. This time he tied a school record set by Len Alston and qualified Dawkins for the New England Division III meet. In the 500-meter race freshman Thad Lopes finished fifth with a time of 1:07. Junior Jim Forrest placed fifth in the long jump with a jump of 20' 10".

The men's basketball team had a tough week, dropping two games. The Owls played American International College and lost 109-100. Leading the Owls against his former teammates was Sean Williams (ECAC Player of the Week) with a team-high 35 points and 14 rebounds. Also playing well was sophomore Leonard Bass with a career-high 30 points and junior Jim Bruno with 13 points.

In their last game the Owls lost to a strong Western Connecticut, 80-68. The Owls trailed by only a point at the half and the score was 54-54 with ten minutes to play. They were outscored 26 to 12 the rest of the game. Williams led the Owls again with 24 points.

The women's basketball team traveled to Montclair to play in the Montclair State Tournament.

In their first game the Owls lost to host Montclair State 58-50. The Owls trailed 18-3 in the first half and then rallied to take a 40-35 lead in the second half. The Owl's rally was led by senior Wendy Kelley who hit two three pointers during their 37-17 run. Senior center Kelly LaChance scored 8 points and pulled down 13 rebounds.

In their second game the Owls squeaked by with a 55-53 win over Messiah of Pennsylvania. Kelley again led the Owls in scoring with 14 points followed by LaChance with 10 points and senior forward Tessa Chenaille with 9 points.

Following their trip to New Jersey the team came back home and lost to Western Connecticut State, 74-48. In this case the Owls simply played their best against a better team.

The hockey team is still having its troubles, losing to WNEC 8-1 and North Adams 12-3. Compounding their inconsistent play are five injuries. The most recent injury occurred to freshman defensemen Rob DiRienzo who had total reconstructive knee surgery. To say the least, the Owls will be looking for the month break they will get after last Saturday's game to regroup and get injured people back.

The women's swim team is off to a 1-1 start. The Aqua Owlettes were victorious over WPI with a 143-117 win.

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Hoop team streaks, defense prevails

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By Gary Trask

The Westfield State Men's basketball team won their third straight and improved their record to 8-7 by beating Framingham State College at home, 70 - 65, on Saturday. The Owls were severely out rebounded by the Rams (55 to 36) but some tough defense in crucial situations and the visitors shooting only 38 percent (29 for 76) from the field enabled Westfield to gain their forth victory in the last five games.

Westfield led most of the first half with their biggest lead at twelve as Framingham missed a number of easy shots and only hit 12 of their 37 first half shots. The Rams picked up the pace late in the first half, however; and cut the lead to four, 29 - 25, at intermission. Framingham came out with a full court press in the second half which gave Westfield some trouble. The teams traded hoops until Westfield's Sean Williams (16 points, 9 rebounds and 7 steals) was called for a controversial goaltending and then gave up the ball on a travel, enabling Framingham to tie the score at 39. On the following series Framingham took their first lead since it was 2 - 0 early on the led 43 - 41. The Rams kept that lead until there was 8:32 left to play and Westfield's junior co-captain Jim Bruno, who had a game high 18 points, hit one of his four three-pointers and with eight minutes to go first year junior Mike Real hit a layup to tie the game at 51. Westfield then played some tenacious defense and got the ball back with Williams grabbing the rebound and pushing it up to Real who was fouled and went to the line and hit one of two free throws that gave the Owls the lead for good, 52 - 51. Framingham did not score again until junior guard Rich Wong hit a layup with only 8:26 left to play. Westfield struck right back with another back breaking three pointer by Bruno that put the home team up by eight, 61 - 53. Framingham did make a late comback by cutting the lead to three, 65 - 62, with 1:07 on the clock, but on defense they chose the wrong person to foul and sent Bruno to the line twice and he responded by hitting all four shots.

Also playing well for the Owls was captain Chris Montemayor who had 10 points and dished out six assists and freshman Tom Brincklow who had 11 points with nine rebounds. Westfield now owns an impressive 7 - 1 home record and with only eight games to play, seven of them in conference, the Owls are playing their best basketball of the season.

Athlete of the Week

Miles Woodhouse, a member of the indoor track team, jumped to a school record 48 ft. 1 in. in the triple jump at the Terrier Classic at BU on Jan. 29. Woodhouse, a junior, qualified for the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Championship meet to be conducted at Bowdoin College on March 10 and 11.

INTRAMURAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trimnastics II and III ..... Register Now .... Starts Wed., Feb. 1
Water Polo and Co-Rec..... Rosters Feb. 8 ..... Starts Mon., Feb. 13
Candlepin Bowling ..... Rosters Feb. 9 ..... Starts week of the 13th
Sunday 5-on-5 ..... Register Now ..... Starts Sunday

Athletics and academics compete for attention

By Gary Trask

As many of us are aware, most athletes that attend Division 1 schools, such as University of Miami, Nebraska and Syracuse, are there on full scholarships solely for their athletic ability and not for their studies. It is safe to say that during the season these athletes spend more time on athletics than on academics. For example, I'm sure J.R. Reid, of North Carolina hasn't spent half as much time at the library as he has on the basketball court this season. A recent College Press Service issue supports this idea, singling out football and basketball players and going on to say that the athletes' grade point averages drop during the season. But those schools are all "big time" Division 1 schools. What about here at Westfield State?

After speaking to a number of athletes on campus, I found that most of them agreed with this theory of athletics over academics. Most of them did not, however, feel that their grades have dropped.

Kim McMillen, a freshman on the Women's Basketball team felt that she definitely spent more time playing basketball than hitting the books. "By the time I'm done with my classes and practice I'm too tired to do all my work," she said. Teammate and fellow freshman Amy Kelleher also agreed that she spent more time on basketball, however, she did not feel her grades have dropped since basketball started although she "could probably do much better" if she wasn't on the team.

Football players Brian Barry and Don Napolitan also agreed that football took more of their time than homework during the season.

"You have to spend more time on your sport during the season. It's a big commitment," Barry, a senior, said, "During the season I usually just go to classes then practice. By the time I get home shower and eat I'm too tired to even open a book. It's tough." Barry did, however, have his best semester as far as grades go last fall. "I'm not sure if I concentrated more in the classroom or what, but I definitely did something right because I usually don't do as good during the season."

Sophomore Don Napolitan also thought it was difficult to spend time on his studies because "football takes up 2 1/2 to 3 hours a day and not even my homework takes that long." He felt his grades did dip a little during the season but nothing of major concern.

Most of the members of the Men's Basketball team felt that their studies and basketball took up about the same amount of time. Junior captain Jim Bruno thought that the only time it was really difficult to do his school work was on nights of road games. "By the time we ride to the game, play and then come home it takes up about 7 to 8 hours of your day."

Junior Mike Real thought that his studies and basketball were about even. He is able to do his work more easily because of his early classes. "I have first period every day so I'm out of classes early," the first year player said, "Practice doesn't start until about five every night so I usually just do my homework in between."

Senior Rodney Smith was the only athlete who thought that he spent a little more time on his studies. "You have to spend more time on your school work because your grades will drop if you don't and then you can't play," the sole senior on the team added, "That's why a lot of players don't make the whole season."

Dennis Magarian, Staff Associate of Athletics, feels that in the past couple of years the number of dropouts during the season has fallen. He shadowed Smith's remarks by saying, "The athletes have to budget their time more during the season because if they don't they won't be playing anymore."

Magarian felt that the rule where an athlete must have a certain number of credits in order to play each semester helps the cause. "This rule is there for the Division 1 schools but it applies in our conference (Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference — MASCAC). I think this rule helps and now a lot of athletes here at Westfield are starting to do better on their grades during the season."

The chances of the athletes here at Westfield becoming professionals in their sport are very slim. Most of the athletes who attend these Divison 1 schools are there not for an education but for professional scouts to see them. Maybe this is why the athletes at Westfield are beginning to keep pace in the classroom. Whatever the reason, it is encouraging to know that our athletes are starting to excel on the playing field, as well as in the classroom.

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INDOOR TRACK

LANCE CAMPBELL qualified for Division III Nationals with a time of 1:54.90 in the 800 meters at Boston University.

MILES WOODHOUSE qualified for the Division III Nationals and broke a school record in the triple jump with a distance of 48 feet, 1 inch.

TOM MAHER finished second in the 800 meter with a time of 1:58.44 at Coast Guard Academy.

MARY CURRY finished second in the 3000 meters with a time of 9:02.54 at Coast Guard Academy.

JIM FORREST finished second in the high jump clearing 6 ft., 6 in. at Coast Guard Academy.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 8-10 (4-2)

WSC 72	FITCHBURG ST. 40
WSC 35	RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE 78
WSC 56	FRAMINGHAM ST. 46
WSC 65	NORTH ADAMS ST. 38

MEN'S BASKETBALL 8-8 (3-3)

WSC 93	FITCHBURG ST. 79
WSC 65	NICHOLS COLLEGE 53
WSC 70	FRAMINGHAM ST. 65
WSC 67	NORTH ADAMS ST. 82

WOMEN'S SWIMMING 3-3

WSC 150	BRIDGEWATER ST. 136
WSC 138	PLYMOUTH ST. 136
WSC 103	UMASS/BOSTON 57

Athlete of the Week

Sophomore Lori Vincent broke another WSC record in one meter diving, qualifying for the Division III Nationals at Notre Dame University.

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4-ON-4 INTRAMURAL STANDINGS AS OF 1/27/89

DIVISION I

AS OF JANUARY 27

NORTH	W	L	SOUTH	W	L
D.W.G.'s	3	0	Dawgs	3	0
House Masters	2	0	Phantoms	2	0
P-Flaps	1	0	Drillers	1	0
B.E.M.H.O.	0	1	Hot Shots	2	2
Wolverines	0	1	D. Seamen	1	1
Master Blasters	0	1	Public Enemy	1	1
Kaos	0	2	P. Necklace	0	2
Bag of Nuts	0	2	Really Rottens	0	3

DIVISION II

WEST	W	L	EAST	W	L
Slugs	2	0	Gang Green	2	0
Rockets	1	1	Runnin Rebels	2	0
Gamecocks	1	1	Hanson Bros.	1	0
Murdochs	1	1	Bags	1	0
Greg Kites	1	1	Red Eyes	1	1
B.C.	1	1	Dawgs II	1	1
Faculty-Adm.	1	1	Blue Slobs	0	1
S. Batch	0	1	Buffs	0	2
B. Busters	0	2	Slobs	0	2

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Members of Westfield's swim team spent part of the semester break in Puerto Rico. Pictured left to right are, front, Maura Ryan, Lori Vincent, Coach David Laing, Kim Weaver, Kelly Volpe, Jennifer Young. Back row, Mary Fitzgerald and Kristin Sikora.

Swim team lifts record

By Karl Montana

The Westfield State College swimming and diving team enjoyed successful outings a week ago with convincing victories over UMass/Boston, 103-57 and conference rival Salem State, 145-108.

The Owls' record was lifted to 4-3, with one dual meet remaining, with the help of strong individual efforts by two of the team captains — Tracey Cooney and Lorri LaMagdelaine — along with solid showings from Kristen Sikora and record setting diver Lori Vincent.

Cooney recorded three first place finishes versus Salem, including a school record swim in the 50 meter freestyle with a time of 26.70. Cooney also displayed versatility and durability during the Saturday afternoon home meet by winning the 200 and 500 freestyles.

Vincent's record setting effort came in the one meter diving. The sophomore from Pittsfield totaled 247.9 points and qualified for the NCAA Division III national championship, which will be held next month at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana.

"Lori's been consistent all year long and she's a hard worker," said veteran Westfield coach Dave Laing. "If she keeps at it and keeps improving I think she can do well at nationals."

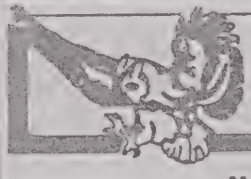
LaMagdelaine touched the wall first in the 50 and 100 backstrokes and the 200 IM, while Sikora scored firsts in the 50 and 100 breaststrokes. LaMagdelaine, Sikora, Vincent also teamed up with senior Janice Tessicini to place first in the 200 medley relay. Other top efforts were turned in by Tessicini and senior captain Mary FitzGerald, who both placed second in a pair of events.

Much of the success of this year's team has been attributed to its semester break trip to San Juan, Puerto Rico, from Jan. 3-13. The swimmers and their coach all feel their recent winning trend is a direct result of the trip.

"We are all swimming better now than at the same time last year," said FitzGerald. "Puerto Rico put us way ahead of schedule."

"Puerto Rico was beautiful and the extra week of training has been very helpful," added Cooney.

Westfield concludes its dual meet season at Bentley College on Feb. 11. The New England Championships are schedule for Feb. 24-26 at Williams College. The ECAC Championships are March 2-4 at Harvard.



OWL SCOREBOARD

Men's Indoor Track
New England Division III Championship Qualifiers

Patrick Dawkins in the 55 meters with a time of 6.55 seconds.
John Deforge in the 500 meters with a time of 1:07.51
Jim Forrest in the high jump at 6 ft. 6 in., the 55 mm hurdles with a time of 8.06 seconds, and the long jump with a jump of 21 ft. 5 1/2 in.
Steve Gaebel in the 5000 meters with a time of 15:15.52
Tom Maher in the 800 meters with a time of 1:58.44
Peter Mole in the 200 meters with a time of 23.28 seconds
Russell Theall in the 55 meters with a time of 6.5 seconds
Lance Campbell in the 800 meters with a time of 1:54.90
Dan Needham in the shot put with a throw of 43 ft. 5 in.
Mike Robinson in the long jump with a jump of 21 ft. 1 1/4 in.
Wiles Woodhouse in the triple jump with a jump of 48 ft. 1 in.
The 4x400 relay team with a time of 3:22.1
NCAA Division III Championship Qualifiers **Lance Campbell** and **Miles Woodhouse**

Men's Basketball 8-11 (5-3)

WSC 67	Eastern Conn. St. 84
WSC 77	Bridgewater St. 82
WSC 91	Worcester St. 97

Next home is February 23 vs. North Adams St. at 8:00 p.m.

Women's Basketball 10-11 (5-3)

WSC 73	Pine Manor 67
WSC 61	Bridgewater St. 69
WSC 54	Worcester St. 46

Next home game is February 23 vs. North Adams at 6:00 p.m.

Men's Volleyball 0-4

WSC 2	Scared Heart 3
WSC 0	Univ. of Hartford 3

Next home match is February 14 vs. New Paltz at 6:30 p.m.

Women's Swimming 4-3

WSC 145	Salem St. 108

Women's Gymnastics 0-3

WSC 122.7	Rhode Island 134.8
WSC 127.84	MIT 140

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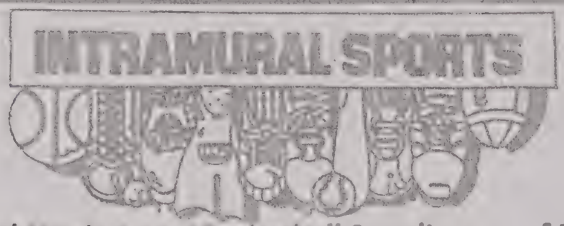

Intramural Men's 4-on-4 Basketball Standings as of February 6

DIVISION I

North			South		
D.W.G.'s	4	0	Dawgs	4	1
P-Flamps	4	0	Hot Shots	2	2
Housemasters	3	0	P. Necklace	2	2
Master Blasters	1	1	Drillers	1	1
Wolverines	0	2	Phantoms	2	3
Bag of Nuts	0	2	Really Rottens	2	3
B.E.M.H.O.	0	3	D. Seamen	2	3
Kaos	0	4	Public Enemy	1	2

DIVISION II

East			West		
Runnin' Rebels	4	0	Slugs	3	0
Hanson Bros.	3	0	Rockets	2	1
Gang Green	2	0	Faculty-Adm.	2	2
Bags	3	1	Greg Kites	2	2
Red Eyes	2	1	Gamecocks	1	2
Buffs	1	2	B. Busters	1	3
Dawgs 2	1	2	B.C.	1	3
Slobs	0	3	S. Batch	0	1
Blue Slobs	0	4			

Men's volleyball improves

By Mickey Curtis, SID

Westfield State men's volleyball coach Mike Bowker has two realistic goals in mind for his 1989 squad which features five returning letterwinners and nine newcomers, including seven freshmen.

"I don't have any goals in terms of wins and losses because we're a young team that still has a lot to learn," said the second-year coach. "Our general goal is to be competitive and to improve steadily throughout the season."

The Owl spikers are well on their way to achieving these goals despite dropping their first three matches of the season to Sacred Heart (15-11, 15-13, 13-15, 15-17, 7-15), Vassar (9-15, 10-15) and Bridgeport (11-15, 5-15).

"I was very pleased with the results," said Bowker. "We played much better in those three matches than we have practiced. But we also have stronger teams coming up on our schedule."

Returning full-time starters from last year's 8-15 team are senior hitter Dan D'Angelo and junior setter-hitter Terry O'Neil. D'Angelo, one of the squad's two seniors, is a solid blocker and back row player. He also gives the Owls the experience they need as an outside and a middle hitter. O'Neil has been converted to setter this season because he has the best hands on the team, according to the coach.

Three starters who lettered last season are sophomore hitter Neil Dempsey, junior hitter Tim George and senior hitter David Wilson. George, an enthusiastic player, is a strong hitter and blocker who creates confusion on the other side of the net because he is lefthanded.

"Neil is a good blocker who is good at taking advantage of the other teams' mistakes," noted Bowker. "And Dave has improved greatly since last year."

Newcomers who will see plenty of playing time in Bowker's "starting seven" alignment are Keith McKittrick, a 6-3 freshman hitter, and sophomore setter Vic "The Hitman" Wirkkala.

"Keith has taken very quickly to the game and is adept at blocking and hitting," said Bowker. "And Vic has been working hard as our No. 2 setter. He plays his position well and has emerged as a vocal leader."

Rounding out the 14-player roster are sophomore Dave Stucenski and freshmen Jeff Burton, Mike Fierra, Rick Gomes, Bob Houston, Scott Landry, and Andy Lynch.

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A hoop junkie's delight...

"the sensation...

By Mickey Curtis SID

Westfield State College has a big-time basketball player representing its small-time program in dunking and scoring sensation Sean Williams.

Williams, a junior transfer who was the leading scorer at Springfield's American International College for the past two seasons, has been simply smashing this season, topping the Fighting Owls' stat charts in most categories. The 6-4 guard/forward from Brooklyn ranks in the top 20 nationally in Division III with a 23.2 points per game average. He also leads Westfield in field goal shooting (52 percent), rebounds (9.4 per game), and steals (96) in the Owls' first 22 games.

"No doubt he has an awful lot of athletic talent," said Westfield coach Bob Lawless. "He can score from the inside and outside and he jumps well. He's quick enough and has the skills to play at the Division I level."

Williams has used his extraordinary leaping ability and incredible quickness to record another impressive statistic - 43 slam dunks in eight games. Williams had four crowd-pleasing dunks and whopping 35 points against his former teammates in a 109-100 shootout at American International, the only Division II opponent on Westfield's schedule.

Photo by Pawel Pieczara

"When he wants to he can really get up and hammer (dunk) the ball," Lawless says with a smile. "He really loves to hammer it down. I've never really seen anyone do it that consistently.

"He'll lose his concentration and have trouble getting motivated in games and practices, and a lot of the time it's because nobody can stay with him," said Lawless. "And on defense he has to apply himself more. We've told him he has the potential to play professionally in Europe, but you have to play defense all of the time over there."

The personable junior accounting major also excels off the court. He's a dean's list student who plans to become a certified public accountant if he doesn't play professional basketball.

Led by their potential All American, the Fighting Owls were 10-12 heading into the final week of the season. Westfield had been 8-7 at one point before snapping a five-game losing streak last week. The Owls' lack of size - Williams is their tallest starter - began to take its toll in recent weeks against New England powers such as Salem and Bridgewater.

"Because we play so many tough nonleague opponents, I said before the season I would be happy with a .500 record at this point," said Lawless. "And this year our schedule is not going to get any easier. The (Mass. State) conference is really strong, and we'll have to have a more balanced scoring attack because a lot of the teams will be keying on Sean."

Indoor track places in division

...fifth in the Div. III Dept.

First-place efforts from Steve Gaebel, Lance Campbell and Miles Woodhouse led the Westfield State indoor track and field team to a fifth place finish in the Division III New England championships two weekends ago.

"I was very pleased with our performances," said women coach Jerry Gravel. "That may have been the first time we've had three individual indoor champs. We probably could have placed much higher in the 18-team meet, but decided not to run the mile relay because several guys were sick."

Gaebel ran his best race ever, according to the coach, as he overcame a 20 yard deficit with two laps to go to win the 3,000 in a school record clocking of 15:03.3. Campbell coasted to a 2:33.5 clocking in the 1,000, while Woodhouse won the triple jump with a 46-11 effort. Woodhouse currently has the second best triple jump in all of New England, Westfield's highest ranking team.

"I think Miles and Lance have a good chance to place at nationals," said Gravel.

Placing third were senior Pete Mole in the 200 (23.25) and freshman Pete Dawkins in the 55 (6.6). Jim Forrest, who was sidelined most of last season with an ankle injury, finished fifth in the long jump (22-0) and high jump (6-0). Tom Maher placed fifth in the 800 (1:59.2) and Jamie Shankle, a talented second semester transfer from Albany State, was sixth in the long jump (21-11 1/2).

"I think we have the makings of a good team for the outdoor season," said Gravel. "We don't have the depth as some of our powerful teams in the early 80's did, but we have a lot of talented individuals up front."

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Hoopsters drop game

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By Gary Trask

The Westfield State Men's basketball team fell behind early and never could quite catch up to the Eastern Connecticut State Warriors last Thursday, as the Owls lost their second straight, 84-67.

Eastern Connecticut jumped out to a 6-0 lead as Westfield did not get their first hoop until there was already 3:53 knocked off the clock. The visitors never did relinquish their lead thanks to 13 Westfield turnovers in the first half. The Connecticut lead was as high as 13, but Westfield scrapped back to get within two. With 45 seconds left to go in the half, the Owls decided to try for the last shot but had the ball stolen away which enabled Connecticut to get an easy lay up and lead 37-31 at the break.

Westfield came out in the second half looking like they were going to make a game of it as on their first possession Sean Williams (16 points, 10 rebounds) drove the lane for a dunk. But that was the end of the run as Connecticut came right back with a hoop and then went into a full court press which they used effectively whenever it looked like the Owls were going to make a run.

Westfield continued to make it easy for the Warriors as they turned the ball over 21 times in the game. With 1:16 left to play and the score 76-64, Westfield went into a press of their own, but it proved to be too late as they kept fouling and the visitors responded by hitting 10 of 17 free throws in the second half alone.

As the lead reached 15, Westfield began to throw up a barrage of three pointers which unfortunately were not falling all night. Captain Jim Bruno (11 points, 6 assists) had the only one of the night for Westfield as the team went one for 13 from three point land.

The only bright spot for the Owls on the night was freshman Tom Brincklow who had a game high of 23 points along with 4 rebounds.

Since Westfield coach Bob Lawless thought his team, 8-9 for the season after this game, was "outhustled and outrebounded," for the visitors had 15 offensive boards.

"I don't think we came to play tonight," the third year coach said, "For the first 11 minutes we couldn't find five players who could work effectively together. We can't afford to be down 12 or 13 points because we just don't have the personnel to make that big of a comeback." After suffering this loss, Westfield must win four of their last six games in order to finish above the .500 mark on the season.

Lacrosse names new coach, saves team from dismissal

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By Robyn Houlihan

It was a close call for the Westfield State College lacrosse team this season. As of 3 p.m. Friday afternoon, as players were beginning to put their sticks away for the season, a new coach was unexpectedly appointed at the last minute for this coming spring.

After months of searching, Bradley J. Carr, a fifth year senior at UMass/Amherst was chosen as the new lacrosse coach. Carr played lacrosse for UMass, a Division I team for four years. He is originally from West Geneseo, N.Y.

The new coach was ultimately located by the returning co-captains, Rob Quinn, and John McNeil. They began their search in September, when they discovered that the team would cease to exist without a coach.

"The athletic department was continually rejecting candidates that did not qualify to their standards. The team had been through three different coaches in a four-year span. "So they told us to either come up with a new coach, or to terminate the team," said Quinn.

Finally, a day before the proposed deadline, a proper candidate was found, and the team was allowed to continue for another season.

Westfield ended its season last spring with a record of seven wins and eight losses.

"We were happy with the way we played last season," said Tom Friel, a returning senior, "But, I don't think that our record accurately reflected our playing ability. We have high hopes for this season."

According to Quinn, the team only lost two seniors last year, and it has gained a lot of talented new freshmen. The additional returning seniors for the 1989 season are: Rick Depesquali, James O'Laughlin, Dan Sullivan, Pat Connolly, and Bob Flemming.

The team has 16 games this season, nine of which are at home. The first home game is April 1 against Mass Maritime Academy.

"Although we are a month behind all the other teams in terms of training time, I think we'll come out strong this season," said Friel.

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Owl Scoreboard

Women's Basketball

WSC 70	Fitchberg 52
WSC 59	Framington 69

Men's Basketball

WSC 91	Fitchberg 66
WSC 73	Framington 81

Ice Hockey

WSC 2	Framington 4
WSC 2	Assumption 11
WSC 6	Wesleyan 12

Volleyball

WSC lost 2-0 to New Paltz
WSC lost 2-0 to Genessee Community college
WSC beat 2-1 Bard College

Gymnastics team finished 5th in N.E. III with Jessica Ducharmef finishing 5th on the vault with a 8.6, 6th on the floor with an 8.6 and all around 6th with a 31.30.

Kim McMillian a freshman southpaw on the ECAC honor roll scored 22 points and seven rebounds, both career highs in the victory over Fitchberg. She scored four three pointers in the first half, a school record. She is one of the top three point shooters in the nation with 43 treys.

Optimism reflects gymnasts talents

By Karl Montana

If you ask coach Harvey Stockhamer what kind of season his gymnastics team has experienced he would tell you it has been successful even if it is not reflected in the win-loss column. A mix of upper class leadership and skilled younger gymnasts have given coach Stockhamer reason for optimism looking toward the New England Championships, held Feb. 18, at MIT.

Stockhamer summarized this season as being, "a great team effort that was fun for the gymnasts as well as myself."

The New England Championships consist of six teams competing for the title. Stockhamer said, "we hope to finish in the top four." He went on to say, "a good showing at these championships will make up for the lack of actual victories during the season, we're really looking forward to it."

Staci Holcombe and Pam Tatlow provided the leadership as co-captains. Both are juniors and have been members of the team since they were freshmen. Their coach called them, "great leaders," and "their contribution to the team went far beyond the actual scores they posted. They were a great help in coaching the younger gymnasts."

Leading this group of young talent is Jessica Ducharme, who posted impressive numbers throughout the season. The sophomore's best outing came against Salem State where she posted an impressive combined score of 31.75 out of a possible 40.00.

Ducharme along with freshman Angela Sullivan were the best individual performers on the team. Both girls have a chance to qualify for the ECAC championships at Trenton State (New Jersey) on February 27.

Other solid performers were Jennifer Bernier in the all around competition, Leslie St. Jacques on the balance beam and floor exercises, and Tammy Goddard on the vault and balance beam.

5-ON 5 STANDINGS (AS OF 2/18/89)

EAST		WEST	
PUBLIC ENEMY	2, 0	REALLY ROTTENS	2, 0
D.W.G.'s	2, 0	KNICKS	2, 0
HOUSE MASTERS	2, 0	STIFF COMP.	2, 0
HANSON BROS.	1, 0	G. LOCKS	1, 1
MASTER BLASTERS	0, 0	TEAM TANG	0, 0
ROCKETS	0, 0	JAYS	0, 1
JOKERS	0, 1	GREG KITES	0, 1
S. BATCH	0, 2	P. NECKLACE	0, 2
FACULTY	0, 2	BUFFS	0, 2
BAGS	0, 2		

MENS INTERNATIONAL BASKETBALL 4 on 4

Through February 23

DIVISION I

NORTH	WINS	LOSES	SOUTH	WINS	LOSES
DWGS	6	2	DAWGS	4	1
HOUSE MASTERS	5	1	DRILLERS	4	2
P-FLAPS	5	3	P. NECKLACE	3	2
MASTER BLASTERS	4	1	HOT SHOTS	3	2
B.E.M.H.O.	1	5	D. SEAMAN	3	4
			REALLY ROTTENS	2	5
			PHANTOMS	2	5

DIVISION II

EAST			WEST		
RUNNIN REBELS	5	1	SLUGS	5	0
BAGS	7	1	ROCKETS	3	1
GANG GREEN	5	1	FACULTY-ADM.	3	2
HANSON BROS.	5	2	B. BUSTERS	3	3
DAWGS 2	3	4	MURDOCKS	1	2
RED EYES	2	4	G. LOCKS	2	3
BUFFS	1	4	GREG KITES	1	4
SLOBS	1	4	S. BATCH	2	3
BLUE SLOBS	0	5	BC	1	6

WOMENS 4 on 4 BASKETBALL

	WINS	
DUBAS HOBAS	6	1
FUTURE SHOCK	2	3
KEGGERS	2	4
SOAKETTES	2	4

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Photo by Paul Pacitti

the excitement...

By Chris Tibbetts FEB. 1989

On Saturday, February 11, the Westfield State men's basketball team lost to Salem State, 99-90. The Vikings from Salem came into the game with a 17 - 2 record and ranked number 1 in New England and number 8 in the country. Westfield came into the game with an 8 - 11 record following a tough loss to Worcester State.

Salem's Sean Galaris scored a hoop on a layup immediately after the tap that proved to be just a sign of the fast-paced action that was to follow. Westfield opened in a half court man-to-man defense and Salem opened in a full court 1-2-1-1 press. Both defenses were very effective at creating turnovers, and when the Owl's Chris Montemayor scored on a breakaway layup with 16 minutes to go, the score was tied at 10.

Sean Williams managed to keep the Owls close in the beginning but when Bobby Francis, the 6-7, 225 pound junior transfer from Boston College checked in, Salem was able to open a 26-16 lead with just over 10 minutes to play in the half. Westfield was forced to call a timeout after this run and was also forced to play with most of their big men in foul trouble.

After the timeout, Salem came out in a 1-2-2 half court defense. Westfield continued to foul Francis and Salem's other big men, and Salem was in the bonus situation with 8:33 to play. Only the fine play of Sean Williams and freshman Tom Brincklow kept Westfield close. The Owls managed to cut the lead to 37-32 with 3 minutes to go, but Salem closed out the half by outscoring Westfield 13-7, including a three-pointer by sharpshooter Kevin Poole. At the half, Salem led 50-39.

Westfield's fine running game, led by junior Chris Montemayor, got into gear early in the second half. Four straight fast break hoops by Westfield cut the lead to 56-49. Montemayor was able to keep the Owls in the game by sinking his short jumpers, and with 9 minutes to go, Salem was leading 75-65. At this point, the Westfield crowd finally became involved. Salem's Russ Bauters got away with what was obviously a goal tending call, but was given a technical when he slapped the backboard. The crowd became hostile at this point; objects were thrown on the court and rude insults were yelled by the students.

The crowd's noise seemed to get Westfield's adrenaline flowing, especially that of Tom Brincklow, who from that point on, dominated the game. Brincklow, who finished with 28 points and 15 rebounds, came up with many big rebounds and most of his teams' points, and with 5 minutes remaining, Westfield had trimmed the lead to 81-75. For the next 4 minutes, the two teams traded hoops. A three-pointer by Brincklow cut the lead to 92-86 with :51 to go. At that point, Westfield was forced to foul Salem, who managed to convert almost all of their attempts down the stretch and pull out a 99-90 victory.

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the teamwork...

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By Mickey Curtis, SID

FITCHBURG — It was a night for the subs to shine along with the stars as Westfield State's basketball teams rolled to victories over Fitchburg Feb. 14.

Playing without four starters because of injuries, etc., the Lady Owls made good use of their bench in a 70-52 triumph over an outmanned Fitchburg club. The win boosted Westfield's record to 11-12 overall and 6-4 in the Mass. State Conference with two games remaining in the regular season.

Freshman Kim McMillan led the Lady Owls to a 34-24 lead with 16 first-half points. The southpaw sharpshooter was unconscious from three-point land in the opening 20 minutes, canning four long range bombs in six attempts. McMillan finished with a career-high 22 points.

Senior center Tessa Chenaille turned in her best game of the season with 18 points, on a 7-for-12 shooting effort, and eight rebounds. Kris Jackivicz had another solid all around outing despite fouling out midway through the second half. The junior forward totaled 11 points, 11 rebounds, 5 assists and 2 steals.

Two other freshmen who played key roles in the win were C.C. Coughlan and Jeannie Reed. Coughlan ran the offense well in place of injured point guard Wendy Kelley, dishing out six assists while Reed's strong play underneath netted her 11 points and eight rebounds.

"I was very pleased with the girls' effort," said coach Hilton White. "I was a bit concerned because we only had seven players for the game, but the girls executed well. It was a satisfying win."

Westfield State men's coach Bob Lawless also seemed satisfied with his team's play, as it snapped a five-game losing streak with a 91-66 runaway win over the 4-19 Falcons. The Owls survived a shaky first half to post their ninth victory in 21 starts. The Owls led 36-28 at halftime, then poured it on in the second half with a 55-38 edge.

"It was a sloppy first half with too many turnovers (14)," said Lawless. "But in the second half we finally got our offense together and began clicking on both ends of the floor."

Jim Bruno gave the partisan Fitchburg crowd something to cheer about in the Falcons' home finale by scoring his 1,000th career point. Bruno canned a free throw with 2:49 left in the game to become the 11th player in Westfield State history to surpass the grand number. Bruno, who also handed out eight assists and grabbed five rebounds, finished with 17 points to up his total to 1,001. The junior guard has made good use of the three-points (459) have been three-pointers.

Bruno shared the scoring spotlight with teammates Sean Williams and Tom Brincklow. Williams was his usual dominating self with 26 points, eight rebounds, eight steals, five assists and three dunks. The 6-4 junior thunder dunker is averaging four eye-popping stats this season - 23.2 points per game, 9.3 rebounds, 4.2 steals and 41 dunks in 21 games.

Brincklow also has put up some impressive numbers this season, averaging 13 points per game with a team-high .526 field goal shooting percentage. The intense 6-2 freshman center has averaged 17 points since becoming a starter 14 games ago. Brincklow, who has a knack for getting open on the fastbreak, burned Fitchburg for 22 points.

Ten of Westfield's 11 players scored in the rout, as Lawless was able to let his substitutes show case their talents in the closing minutes.

and the big win...

By SID Office

In men's basketball, the high flying Owls upped their record to 10-12 heading into their final game of the season against North Adams, the nation's No.6 team, with an 81-73 victory at Framingham last Tuesday.

Westfield led most of the game before Framingham, one of the quickest teams the Owls have faced, rallied to take a 68-66 lead with 4:27 left. Sparked by Sean "Dunkin' Hines" Williams, the Owls then regained the lead with three minutes remaining and pulled away in the closing minutes.

Williams was a one-man wrecking crew again as he totaled 29 points (12-for-14 from the foul line), nine rebounds, four assists, seven steals and two dunks. Williams' 43rd dunk of the season, off a beautiful lob pass from Vernon Percy, was rated by many observers as the best dunk they've ever seen.

Williams had 516 points heading into the final game of the season last Thursday, 34 shy of the single season record of 550 set in 1956 by Donald Farr. Freshman center Tom Brincklow dropped in 20 points while Percy added 17.

In women's basketball, the Lady Owls fell behind early, 12-2 and dropped a 69-59 decision to a hot shooting Framingham squad. Westfield was 11-13 overall and 6-5 in the league heading into its final game.

Senior center Tessa Chenaille led the way with 21 points and 11 rebounds, while senior point guard Wendy Kelley scored 15 points and handed out seven assists. Framingham Lisa Halloran, the nation's leading scorer, hit her season average with 26 points.

The Lady Owls' bomb squad set a Division III New England record by attempting 20 three point shots in the game. They made only five three pointers. Westfield also owns the New England record for most three point attempts in a season, 201, shattering the former mark of 161. Westfield had made 73 three point shots this season, two short of the record with one game left in the season.

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The Westfield State ice hockey team battled conference rival Framingham recently, and came up on the short end of the scoreboard.

The hockey team dropped a 4-2 decision on Feb. 16 in a well played game at Framingham. Westfield took a 2-1 lead on two first-period goals by senior Brian Lincoln. Framingham tied the score in the second period, then took a 3-2 lead in the first minute of the final stanza. The Rams scored an empty net goal in the closing minutes to clinch the hard-fought victory.

"We had plenty of shots to win the game but the guys just couldn't put the puck in the net," said coach Bob Badone. "Both teams and goalies played well."

The Owl skaters finished their season with a 2-20 record, as they lost last week to Assumption, 11-2 and Wesleyan, 12-6. Senior Gary Balentine scored both goals versus Assumption to give him 21 points on the season. Registering assists were senior captain Kevin Craig and Bob Houldson.

Craig ended the season with a team-high 29 points (14 goals, 15 assists) as he recorded an assist and a goal against Wesleyan. Brian Whitfield returned from the injured list to score a pair of goals and an assist. Scott O'Brien, who tied for second in scoring with 21 points, also had a goal along with freshman Bob Ranaldi and Brian Wonson.

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Hockey team's season hampered by injuries

By Karl Montana
SID Student Intern

The Westfield State Hockey team that laced up the skates for the first practice of the season had some potential to win some games and be competitive in conference play. Before they were able to get on track the many injuries began. This was a team of the walking wounded that lost a player a game to injury.

"Our club that started the season could have won some contests," said coach Bob Badone, "but every game one or more key players went down with a major injury."

Coach Badone can go right down his roster and list very few players who avoided the injury bug. He referred to the season as a "disaster."

"We never had a strong first line and there was no stability due to all the different combinations we put on the ice." Badone went on to say, "Many players were forced to play out of position, the effort was there, we just didn't have the personnel."

The team that finished the season was quite different from the one that started the season because of players who joined the team during the season. These players were picked up to fill the void left by the injuries. In spite of this replacement help, the Owls could only dress three defensemen and two forward lines on more than one occasion.

Badone attributed some of the blame to this lack of ice time for the team to practice. The team was limited to 50 minutes per day.

"Schools like Wesleyan and AIC have rinks on campus and they practice two to three hours a day. This extra time enables them to get their players in better condition to take the pounding the body receives in a game," said Badone, "our guys just couldn't compete under those conditions."

There were some bright spots however in this lost season. Kevin Craig led the team in scoring with 14 goals and 15 assists, placing him among the conference leaders. Craig's best outing was a five goal effort against Worcester State. A solid season was also put in by Bob Houldson, who tallied 14 points as a defenseman. Other top scorers were Gary Balentine (7 goals, 14 assists) and Scott O'Brein (6-15).

The team as a whole improved in the area of reduction of penalty minutes, as the total penalty minutes was reduced from last year.

Sean Williams, a junior guard/forward on WSC basketball team, scored 35 points to break the 33-year-old school record of 550 points in a season. Donald Farr, a resident of Westfield and former record holder, was at the game on Feb. 23 against North Adams to watch Williams' performance. (Pawel Pieczara photo) 1989 FEB

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OWL SCOREBOARD

Men's Basketball 10-13 (5-7)		Women's Basketball 12-13 (7-5)	
WSC 82	North Adams St. 101	WSC 56	North Adams St. 40

Men's Volleyball 1-10

WSC 1	Wentworth 3
WSC 0	Hunter College 3
WSC 0	Roger Williams 3

33 year-old school record broken

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Men's b-ball concludes season with loss

North Adams Mohawks too much for Owls

By Mickey Curtis
Sports Information Director

The soldout sign was posted early on the Parenzo Gym door, so you knew the Fighting Owls would be fired up and ready for their season finale showdown with archrival North Adams State Thursday, Feb. 23. Despite the vocal support, however, the talented Mohawks, ranked sixth nationally and first in New England, had too much firepower of their own as they wore down the Owls for a 101-82 victory.

"They're such a talented team," said Westfield coach Bob Lawless, whose team finished 10-13 overall and 5-7 in the conference. "They go 13 deep and try to run you into the ground. We did the best we could but is wasn't enough against a team like North Adams."

The Owls stayed with North Adams for the first 13 minutes of the games, then the Mohawks started pulling away. They led 46-36 at halftime and increased their lead to 20 points midway through the second half.

Leading Westfield in the early going was point guard Chris Montemayor, who popped in four straight jumpers to start the game. Montemayor finished with 18 points, seven rebounds, two assists and three steals. The quick lefty averaged 9.7 points points this season.

"Chris played well for us all year, especially handling the ball," said Lawless. "He could get some votes for all conference honors."

Westfield's No. 1 candidate for all conference honors is Sean Williams, a 6-4 junior guard/forward who, according to the North Adams coach, is one of the best players he's seen all year. Williams showcased all of his scoring skills against the Mohawks, pumping in 35 points to barely break the 33-year-old school record of 550 points in a season. Williams drilled two three-pointers in the closing minutes to surpass the longstanding record by one point. Donald Farr, a Westfield resident who set the former mark in 1956, was in attendance for the record breaking performance.

Williams, AIC's leading scorer the past two years, also set two more school records, averaging 23.96 points per game and recording 100 steals. Westfield's tallest starter also averaged 9.2 rebounds, and rattled the rims throughout New England this season with his 44 slam dunks. Williams now has 1,498 career points and should be one of the select few in college basketball to score 2,000 career points.

"Sean really played well for us this year," said Lawless. "He got better and better, from a team and an individual standpoint, as the season progressed."

Tom Brincklow, a 6-2 freshman center, had one of his lowest scoring outputs against North Adams' tall and talented frontline, finishing with four points. He was Westfield's second leading scorer this season (12.9), and averaged 17 points over the final 16 games. Also averaging in double figures was Jim Bruno (10.7), who had a team-high 70 assists and a team-low 26 turnovers.

Completing the starting lineup versus North Adams were freshman Vernon Percy, who went strong to the hoop in scoring 13 points, and Rodney Smith, the team's only senior. Smith who was honored before the game for his four years of dedication and loyalty to the Westfield State basketball program, played hard and long enough to foul out late in the game.

The Westfield State women's team also honored its seniors in the season finale, a 70-56 victory over North Adams. Kelly LaChance, a four-year starter and two-year captain, finished her fine collegiate career with 810 points, third on the all-time scoring list, and 537 career rebounds. Passing whiz Wendy Kelley leaves Westfield State owning all school records for assists, with 13 in a game, 143 in a season and 277 in a career. The junior college transfer led Westfield in scoring with an 11.8 points per game average. LaChance and Kelly both scored 10 points to lead Westfield in its finale.

Tessa Chenaille, the team's leading rebounder the past two season, played three years at Westfield, finishing with 558 points and 543 rebounds. Felicia Byers, who missed the last nine games of her senior season with a separated shoulder, totaled 254 career points and 245 career rebounds.

The Lady Owls had a subpar season, finishing 12-13 overall and 7-5 in the conference, but they did set three New England Division III records with their three point shooting. The records are most three pointers in a season (77), three point attempts in a season (212), and three point attempts in a game (20). Westfield's bomb squad was led by Kelley (29-of-84) and freshman Kim McMillan (44-of-113), the team's second leading scorer (9.6).

Women's head coach Hilton White is hot on the recruiting trail, as is Lawless, to replace his four seniors. Freshmen C.C. Coughlan, Jeannie Reed, Denise Taylor and Amy Keleher, acquired valuable playing time this season, but the Lady Owls will still be lacking experience as Kris Jackivicz, a team leader in rebounds, assists and steals, will be the only returning senior next season.

Jim Bruno scores as Thad Lopez and Sean Williams look on. (Pawel Pieczara photo)

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WSC Varsity Swimming and Diving Team, 1988-89

Seated in front, Mary Fitzgerald and Kim Weaver; seated in center row, Mary Beth Hilgar, Robin Houlihan, Jennifer Young, Karen Donahue, Elizabeth Muse, and Christine Thirkell; back row, Kelly Volpe, Coach David Laing, Lori Vincent, Kristan Sikora, Lori LaMagdelaine, Tracey Cooney and Maura Ryan.

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Diver places in division

By SID Dept.

Westfield State diver Lori Vincent placed high with school record performances at the New England Division III championships held at Williams College two weekends ago.

Vincent, who has qualified for the national championships, finished fourth in the one meter diving with 375.20 points and fifth in the three meter diving with 362.75 points.

"Lori's really looking good,"said coach Laing. "At last year's same meet she had 310 points."

Two more schools records were set in the 30-team meet which was dominated by the private schools. Senior Mary Fitzgerald finished ninth in the 100 individual medley with a 1:05.63 clocking, and freshman Kelly Volpe hit the wall in a school record time of 21:29.41 in the 1650 freestyle.

Fitzgerald also placed in the top 16 in the 50 butterfly with a time of 29.3, and was a member of the 400 freestyle which finished 19th, and the 200 medley and 200 freestyle relays which placed in the top 24. Other relay swimmers were Lori LaMagdelaine, Kristen Sikora, Janice Tessicini, Tracey Cooney and Volpe. LaMagdelaine also earned team points with a 19th place in the 100 individual medley(1:08.31)

"We did as well as expected,"said Laing."We set goals and improved in the areas we wanted to."

Runners earn honors

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Five Westfield athletes earned All New England honors at the indoor track and field championships held at Boston Universtity two weekends ago.

Placing third in the top flight competion representing New England's Division I,II and III school's was triple jumper Miles Woodhouse, who tied his school record of 48-1. Woodhouse's first two jumps were mediocre, but he took over first place on his final try with his record-tying effort. Two Division I jumpers bettered his distance on their final attempts, however.

Senior Steve Gaebel placed sixth with a brillant run in the 5000 meters. Gaebel's 14:40.3 clocking shattered his former school record by 23 seconds and qualified him for the NCAA Division III national finals.

"Steve ran a great race,"said veteran coach Jerry Gravel. "Really he didn't know what he was doing out there - 23 seconds is a big drop. He usually runs for time, but he was running for place this time and he paid off against a tough competion."

Placing fifth in 3:22.3 was the 1600 meter relay team of Lance Campbell, Peter Mole,John Desforge and Woodhouse. Highjumper Jim Forrest also earned New England honors with a sixth in the high jump (6-5). Both Forrest and the relay team may have taken one more crack at qualifying for nationals at last weekend's ECAC championships.

Gaebel and Woodhouse will be joined at the nationals by teammate Lance Campbell, who placed seventh in New England by running 800 in 1:53.9. The Nationals will be conducted at Bowdoin College.

STREET HOCKEY ROSTERS DUE NOW

Rosters for the '89 Street Hockey League are now being accepted in the Intramural Office Ely Rm. 231. A ten (10) player limit is set for street hockey. **ROSTER DEADLINE IS THURS., MARCH 9th.** Rosters must have their forfeit fee paid. Games will begin Monday, March 20th ... after Spring Break. As in all intramural sports ... there are men's and women's leagues. *LATE ROSTERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.*

SOFTBALL TO START THE FIRST WEEK OF APRIL

Rosters will be accepted for Softball from March 20th.

SPORTS TRIVIA TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCED

The annual Sports Trivia Tournament will be held starting Monday, March 20th. **TEAMS MUST GET THEIR ROSTERS IN PRIOR TO FRIDAY, MARCH 10th.** This event carries Banacos Points and will held afternoons during the week of March 20th. Rosters are limited to five (5) with three participating for each round.

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1988-89 SMITH CUP TOTALS — (After fall, winter sports seasons)

TEAM	Men's Soccer	Women's Soccer	Field Hockey	Volleyball	Men's Tennis	Women's X-Country	Men's X-Country	Women's	Football	TOTALS
Salem	2	6	3	4	6	5	1/2	1	X	42 1/2
Bridgewater	2	0	6	6	0	5	1/2	0	2	27 1/2
Westfield	0	4	3	0	3	1	3	2	2	19
Fitchburg	6	X	0	0	0	*	2	3	0	15
North Adams	2	0	X	0	3	1	0	0	X	15
Worcester	0	X	0	0	0	*	0	X	6	7
Framingham	0	2	0	2	X	X	0	0	0	4
Mass Maritime	0	X	X	X	0	X	0	X	2	2

	Men's Basketball	Women's Basketball	Hockey
Salem	5	6	4
Bridgewater	2	4	X
Westfield	0	1	0
Fitchburg	0	0	4
North Adams	5	0	4
Worcester	0	1	0
Framingham	0	0	0
Mass Maritime	X	X	X

X — Do not compete in this MASCAC sport.
* — Dropped sport just before the season; will count towards final Smith Cup point totals.
6 points are awarded for first place, 4 for second place and 2 for third place in the round robin competitions.
3 points are awarded for first place, 2 for second place and 1 for third place in the tournament competitions (cross country)

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MASS. STATE COLLEGE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

Office of Commissioner: F. Paul Brogan Westfield State College

Final MASCAC Standings - 1989

MEN'S BASKETBALL	CONFERENCE RECORD	OVERALL RECORD
North Adams***	11-1	22-1
Salem***	11-1	21-4
Bridgewater	8-4	15-11
Westfield	5-7	10-13
Worcester	4-8	13-13
Framingham		

**SHARE CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS:

Wesleyan 12, Westfield 6
Salem 8, Williams 2
Tufts 16, Worcester State 2
AIC 4, Salem 3, OT

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL	CONFERENCE RECORD	OVERALL RECORD
Salem**	12-0	24-2
Bridgewater	9-3	15-10
Westfield	7-5	12-13
Worcester	7-5	12-13
Framingham	5-7	8-17
Fitchburg	2-10	4-19
North Adams	0-12	3-22

***CONFERENCE CO-CHAMPS

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS:

Babson 76, Framingham 74
*North Adams 116, Fitchburg 59
*Salem 97, Bridgewater 93, OT
*Salem 119, Worcester 75
*Westfield 81, Framingham 73
*Bridgewater 88, Fitchburg 55
*North Adams 101, Westfield 82
Western Connecticut 103, Salem 84

HOCKEY	CONFERENCE RECORD	OVERALL RECORD
Fitchburg**	4-1	17-9
Salem**	4-1	15-12
North Adams**	4-1	9-15-1
Westfield	1-4	2-20
Worcester	1-4	2-20
Framingham	1-4	5-19-1

**CONFERENCE CHAMPION

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS:

*Framingham 69, Westfield 59
*Fitchburg 62, North Adams 40
*Salem 74, Bridgewater 63
*Salem 79, Worcester 51
*CONFERENCE GAME
Regis 77
Framingham 68
*Bridgewater 79, Fitchburg 54
*Westfield 56, North Adams 40

— Compiled by Mickey Curtis, Westfield State SID

Playoff Teams

MEN'S BASKETBALL

North Adams-NCAA Tournament
Salem-NCAA Tournament

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Salem - NCAA Tournament

ICE HOCKEY

Fitchburg-ECAC
Salem-ECAC

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Reaction to cuts: Too little, too late

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After several weeks of delays President Randolph Bromery finally had a press conference to announce which varsity sports were to be suspended on March 7.

It was reported in the Feb. 6 issue of the Westfield Owl that the Athletic Council, made up of four professors and administrators and three students, voted by a 4-3 margin that 10 varsity sports should be suspended. The three dissenting votes were by the students.

The Student Senate then came up with four sports that should be suspended and called for the termination of the sports information director. This was sent to the president on February 14.

After consuting with athletic director Paul Bogan on March 2, Bromery decided to suspended nine sports: golf, women's volleyball, men's volleyball, men's tennis, women's tennis, gymnastics, lacrosse, indoor track, and ice hockey. Swimming was the only sport that was one of the original ten slated for suspension by the Athletic Council that wasn't cut.

If you have been keeping score throughout the athletic budget crisis, you know it has been going on for three years now. Former President Irving Buchen originally messed up the picture by cutting the athletic fee increase of $50.00 to $25.00 for the 1987-88 semester. This increase was passed by the Student Senate. If you know anything about Buchen's track record here, you know that cutting the fee increase was just one of his many blunders.

Then last spring semester, Student Senate passed a fee increase of $25 that was recommended by the Task Force on Athletics at Wesfield State. This increase was later vetoed by the Senate president Pip. A $16.50 increase was then passed by Senate, but was not acknowledged by Paul Bogan.

This past semester the Athletic Council asked for suspensions of 10 sports. The suspensions were then left up to acting President Bromery. Bromery wanted input from the Students which he received in the form of a recommendation from Senate. Following the recommendation, Bromery took three weeks to make his decision.

To say this process has been drawn out would be an understatement. Some of the blame must go to the administrators. First, the Board of Trustees gets a pat on the back for choosing someone as incompetent as Buchen. Buchen takes blame for being incompetent. Now Bromery must take blame for adding to this drawn out process.

But the administrators must not take full blame. The students so far have done little to nothing to protest against a school that has prevented them from playing their sport. If someone is attempting to take something away from someone else, you might expect a fight to go on. Such a fight or protest never occurred.

A few student athletes turned up at the Athetic Council meeting last semester. At the press conference that was held on March 7 to announce the suspended sports there were no student athletes in attendance. Now those who participate in the suspended sports are upset that their sport isn't going to be there next year. It is a little late to cry over split milk.

The point is that not much was done by those student athletes whose sport was in jeopardy of being suspended.

Both Westfield State and its students were dealt an injustice by having nine sports suspended. It is a tragedy, but maybe one that could have been stopped.

Intramural Men's 4-on-4 Basketball

Standings of 2-27-89

Division I North	
House Masters	6-1
Master Blasters	6-1
D.W.G.'s	6-1
P. Flaps	5-2
B.E.M.H.O.	0-6

Division I South	
Dawgs	5-1
P. Necklace	5-2
Hot Shots	4-3
Drillers	4-4
D. Seamen	3-4
Phanto,s	2-5
Really Rottens	2-5

Division II West	
Slugs	6-0
Rockets	4-1
Faculty-Adm.	3-3
Ball Busters	3-3
Gamecocks	2-3
Greg Kites	2-4
Murdochs	1-3
Snatch Batch	1-4
B.C.	1-5

Division II East	
Hansen Bros.	6-1
Gang Green	5-1
Runnin Rebels	4-1
Bags	6-2
Dawgs	3-4
Buffs	2-4
Red Eyes	2-5
Blue Slobs	1-5
Slobs	1-5

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Athlete of the Week

Steve Gaebel, a senior member of the track team, qualified for the Division III Indoor and Outdoor Championship meets with a time of 14:40.3 in the 5000 meters two weeks ago at Boston University. His time was 23 seconds better than his previous clocking of 15:03 and established a new school record. With these qualifications Gaebel qualified for the nationals in three different seasons (cross country) within the same school year, something done for the first time.

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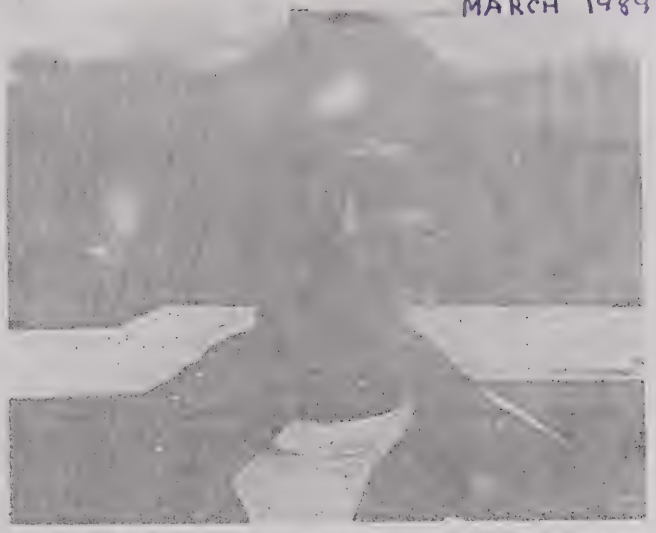

Athlete of the Week

Junior high jumper Jim Forrest set an Eastern Coast Athletic Conference record with a jump of 6'9½" on March 4 at the ECAC Championships. The jump also broke a school record and qualified Forrest for the Division III Nationals. At the Nationals on March 11, Forrest tied with three other jumpers at 6'8" but, finished seventh on the misses criteria.

Intramurals offer outlet

By Gary Trask

Many of the students who attend Westfield State College are interested in sports. A large number of those students also enjoy participating in athletics. What if a student enjoys the competitiveness and the thrills of playing sports but does not have the ability, size or time to play on a varsity team? That particular student can use the Intramural Sports Program as an outlet for their athletic ambitions. And chances are that they will not go away disappointed.

The Intramural program here at Westfield State is, without a doubt, a success. According to Kenneth Magarian, Associate Director of Athletics and Director of Intramural Sports, 75 to 85 percent of the entire student body participates in the program. About 85 to 95 percent of the students who reside on campus join in the action of intramural. Those are convincing signs of a great program.

"The program is successful because people need an outlet. Intramurals are very important to the new people on campus," Magarian said, "It's a social function. You can meet people on other teams as well as your own."

The program consists of 26 activities, including team sports and individual tournaments. The key sports, however, are those that carry points for the James Banacos Cup, which is awarded to the top intramural team in each of the men's and women's division for the entire year. In order to capture the Banacos Cup the team must demonstrate "wholesome sportsmanship," follow all the regulations and policies, keep the same team name throughout the year and have at least one-third of the same team members and participate in at least five of nine Banacos sports. The nine Banacos sports are football, soccer, volleyball, basketball, water polo, street hockey, softball, sports trivia and bowling.

There are also two different sportsmanship awards — The Paul Bartley Memorial Award and The Luke Byrne Memorial Award. Magarian feels these awards are more important than the Banacos Cup because they do not involve just winning. However, it is the Banacos Cup which brings competitiveness to the games.

"The competitiveness is both good and bad. With this age group of 18, 19, and 20 the students want to win," Magarian added, "It is hard to keep in perspective that it is just intramurals."

The Westfield intramural program is probably the best in the Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference (MASCAC). Considering the poor facilities the program is forced to use they still rank at the top of the conference last year in the number of activities (26) and the number of participants (4,799).

"Nobody has a program like ours," Magarian boasted, "North Adams spends two to three times more than we do on intramurals and they don't have half the program we do."

Magarian also stated that two years ago, Fitchburg State was facing a budget cut so they suspended intramural activity for a semester. "We could never do that here," he laughed.

Magarian is not the only one who feels that intramurals blossom here at Westfield. Junior David Bushell is the manager of intramural team the P-Flaps; the team currently leading in Banacos Cup points this year. He feels the program is a success because, "there is a sport for everyone." He also believes that the way in which the program is organized is helpful.

"Mr. Magarian does a great job in running the program," Bushell said, "The schedules and rosters are always on time and he selects the right people to run the right sports."

Sophomore Kevin Clark does not actually participate in the program but he does devote a number of hours scoring and keeping the official time of the games. He does this mostly for the money he admitted but he did say "it can be a lot of fun sometimes."

"The games can get pretty exciting when two good teams are playing. And I enjoy watching those games," he added.

The only problems the Westfield intramural program faces is the week indoor facilities and of course the budget problem.

"If we had a nice indoor facility such as Salem State's, we would be in the same class as a little Ivy school," Magarian said.

The budget cut has and will be a problem to everything on campus; and Magarian does expect the program to be cut. If the program did have more money Magarian would like to give the teams that win awards, a small prize such as a t-shirt or something. "But we survive on what we are given," he added.

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Track athletes earn All-American honors

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By Karl Montana, SID Intern

Westfield State fared well with two of four athletes achieving All-American status, and the other two just missing, at the NCAA Division III indoor track and field national championships during srping break at Bowdoin College.

All four athletes had high expectations going into the championships after coming off a very successful indoor season. They were all seeded in the top ten in their respective events.

Junior Miles Woodhouse recorded the highest finish of the four with a fourth place in the triple jump. His best attempt was measured at 48 feet even, one inch shy of his personal best. Earlier this season, Woodhouse set a school record by jumping 48-1 in two different meets.

In the 5000 meters, senior Steve Gaebel finished sixth with a time of 14:55.08. Gaebel also established a school record earlier this season, recording a blazing 14:40.29 at the New England Championships.

By finishing in the top six, both Gaebel and Woodhouse were named All-Americans, giving coach Jerry Gravel his 24th and 25th All-Americans in his 20 years at Westfield State. In addition, because of their strong showing at Nationals, both have qualified for the outdoor championships later this spring.

Junior Jim Forrest steadliy improved in the high jump throughout the season. He went from jumps of 6-6 to clearing a school record 6-9 1/2 by season's end, earning him his spot in the nationals. Forrest missed joining Gaebel and Woodhouse on the All-American stand by the narrowest of margins with a jump of 6-8 and a seventh place finish. Three jumpers tied for the final two All-American slots, but Forrest lost out on the fewer misses criteria.

Sophomore 800 meter runner Lance Campbell also narrowly missed being an All-American. Campbell, who earned All-American honors last year, finished seventh this season with a time of 1:55.5. Campbell, who was somewhat slowed with an injury that sidelined him during the cross country season, ran a 1:53.4 in the preliminaries, but he was unable to duplicate the fine time in the finals.

Gravel noted that the field in the 800 finals set a slow pace and remained in a group throughout, which did not allow Campbell to run his style of race with long, powerful strides at the finish, causing him to finish just behind the top six.

WSC athletes view anti-drug films

MARCH 1989

By Gary Trask, SID Student Intern

The use of drugs by athletes is a very serious matter in sports these days. And to help combat this growing problem, the Westfield State athletic department has decided to educate its student-athletes about the dangers of drugs.

Westfield State athletes from the winter and spring sports teams were recently shown two videos produced by the NCAA about drugs and their effects. The first video was about drugs that enhance the performance of the athlete, such as steroids. The second video dealt with drugs such as marijuana, cocaine and alcohol.

The drug educational program was set up by Carmela Virgilio, professor of physical education, and Kenneth Magarian, Associate Director of Athletics. Both Virgilio and Magarian believe these videos are a sufficient alternative to drug testing.

"Due to the fact that we do not have a drug testing system, drug education must take its place," said Virgilio. "The tapes are very informative, especially in the physical aspect. The athletes are shown the negative effects of using drugs."

Magarian also felt the film presentations were beneficial. "Along with the NCAA we are trying to do whatever we can to make the athletes aware of what is out there and what will happen to them if they take these drugs," he said.

The program directors were not alone in their positive feelings about the drug seminar. Many of the student-athletes felt it was helpful and educational.

Glenn Kasparian, a junior track and field athlete, thought the program was both "informative and interesting."

"The videos showed me some things about drugs I never knew," he said. "I know I'll never be taking them."

Nina Vivenzio, a senior member of the softball team, also believes the films are helpful in educating the college athlete. However, she did feel the first half of the program was directed towards the male athletes because "you won't see many Division III softball players on steroids."

Freshman John Vitalie, a member of the lacrosse team, said the films really didn't affect him. "I'm not really into lifting weights so the steroids parts didn't interest me," he said.

"I guess it really depends on the person and what he or she is involved with," he added.

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Work on the new baseball field is complete. (photo by Mickey Curtis).

New athletic fields ready for use

APRIL 1989

By Tim Griffin

In the midst of one of Westfield State's worst disasters, the cutting of 9 varsity sports, comes some great news from the Athletic Department.

The new baseball and softball facilities are operational.

In the first game ever played on the softball field, the softball team defeated Mt. Holyoke College 11-8 in its season opener.

The baseball field had been used this past summer by a semi-pro league in the area.

Construction of the new facilities began 2 years ago and was supposed to have been completed last spring.

"The fellow who won the bid to do the construction was a little slow and never really completed all his projects," Athletic Director Paul Bogan said.

"Although the fields are not 100% ready, they are ready to be played on," he said. "It will take another year before they are 100% ready, the dugouts aren't complete, foul poles need to be painted, and it will take another year for the grass to be perfect."

Red clay was substituted for sand because it makes the field more attractive, and it absorbs moisture easier.

The dimensions for the baseball field are 330' down the lines, and about 400' straight away center.

For the softball field, 190' down the line, and 220' straight away center.

"The area for the fields will be perfect for players," Bogan said. "Its 150 times better than the rock farm the softball team played at last year."

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Riders take honors in season opener

By Sheri Conley

The WSC Equestrian team started its spring season on Saturday, March 4, 1989 at Mount Holyoke College in So. Hadley.

And what a show it was!

Abby Ashley a freshman, and a first time competitor, placed first in her beginner walk-trot class.

Also placing in that class, and showing for the first time were Pam Rodrigues, placing third, and Sandy Comier, placing fourth.

Paul Kane placed second and Ann Marie Souza placed fourth in their Beginner walk-trot-canter class.

Kane's individual point total is at 20 and is only eight points away from regionals.

Brenda Jones also had a good showing. She took second in class 2.

Colleen Hughes, showing in Class 3, placed fifth.

Ending up the day, Lisa Armitage and Sheri Conley both placed sixth. Armitage competed in class 4 and Conley competed in class 5.

The Equestrian team's next show is on April 1 at Smith College.

FINAL CALL FOR SOFTBALL ROSTERS

THIS WILL BE THE FINAL WEEK SOFTBALL ROSTERS CAN BE SUBMITTED FOR INTRAMURAL LEAGUE PLAY. AS IN ALL SPORTS, THERE WILL BE SEPARATE MEN'S AND WOMENS DIVISION .....

Games are expected to start Wednesday, April 5th or Monday, April 10th. Softball carries Banacos Points.

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Seasoned veterans provide experience for softball team

APRIL 1989

By Anthony Colannino

With eight returning starters from last year's softball team that had a record of 17-10, ten-year coach Joyce O'Donnell has good reason to be optimistic. Last year the Lady Owls were the Eastern Coast Atlantic Conference runners up.

"I'm looking for us to be very competitive in the Massachusetts Athletic State College Association Conference," O'Donnell said. "We will be gunning for first and expect to finish in the top three."

Six senior letterwinners will be back providing plenty of experience. Returning at first base and batting cleanup will be Johanna Madge. Madge last year hit .299 and is expected to be the main slugger," said O'Donnell.

Last year's leading hitter with an average of .346 and returning at third base is Renee Savage. "We depend on her for solid defensive play," according to O'Donnell.

Starting pitcher Nina Vivenzio is coming off a 13-6 record last year with an excellent 2.86 earned run average. "Nina depends on her ability to outsmart batters with changeups and breaking stuff," said O'Donnell. Vivenzio will handle most of this year's starting pitching.

Sharing starting pitching duties along with Vivenzio will be Karen Frustaci. O'Donnell said that Frustaci will start at second base when she isn't pitching. Frustaci was named to the first team All New England Team last year.

Photo by Mickey Curtis

Batting fifth and playing right field will be Lauri Skiddell. "We're looking for Lauri to produce some extra base hits and knock in some runs."

Behind the plate will be Bonnie Staniewicz. Staniewicz, a talented catcher, was the second leading hitter on the team with an average of .328.

Junior Carolyn Malley was a letterwinner and last year's team leader with 25 runs batted in. Malley will play center field.

Sue Cybulski rounds out the returning starters. She'll play left field and last year led the outfielders with five assists.

The only spot up for grabs will be shortstop. Battling for the spot are freshman Heather Cabral from Huntington and junior transfer Karen Phillips. Cabral was a Western Mass. All Star in softball, field hockey and basketball, and Phillips is a transfer from Springfield College. O'Donnell said that she will be using both players at the position early in the season to see which player works out.

Off the bench for O'Donnell will be several talented players seeing substantial time. Freshman Christine Coughlan from Pittsfield "is a good hitter and outfielder who will find herself in the lineup," O'Donnell said. As a senior in high school Coughlan was a Berkshire County All Star in softball and basketball.

Freshman Lori Ann Gallivan, a high school all star in soccer and softball, "has strong potential to play in several positions," according to O'Donnell. O'Donnell added that Gallivan is good enough to start and will be looking for a place to play.

Freshman Sue Norton from Webster is working for an outfield spot. "Sue's biggest asset is her arm," said O'Donnell.

Jennifer Price, a freshman from Monson, will be developing at second base, said O'Donnell.

Providing relief pitching will be junior Clair Joyal and freshman Jeanne Reed, a pair of untested newscomers.

The Owls won their first game by a score of 11-8 over Mt. Holyoke. O'Donnell said the first week of the season would prove a lot. The Owls will have four non-conference games before MASCAC games start, including a double header against Division II opponent American International College.

Spring Sports Update

APRIL 1989

Mickey Curtis (SID)

The cold, wet weather has put a damper on the spring sports season, causing numerous postponements in baseball and softball. Here's a look, however, at what Westfield State sports teams have been able to accomplish in the first weeks of the season:

LACROSSE: The laxmen won their first two, league victories over Curry, 13-6, and Mass Maritime, 15-12. Robo Quinn paved the way with 13 goals in the first two games, while junior Tom Hofferman toatled 12 assists, including a school record eight feeds versus Mass Maritime. The Owls will be strong contenders for the Pilgrim League title in their final season of varsity competition.

SOFTBALL: The softball team railed from an 8-4 deficit to defeat Mt. Holyoke in the first game on their new field. It was a typical season opener as there were 23 walks. Freshman Heather Cabral had two singles and Johanna Madge and junior transfer Karen Phillips both drove in two runs. Nina Vivenzio pitched the first three innings and the final two to notch the victory.

BASEBALL: The young Westfield baseball team lost to Amherst, the No. 1 rated Division III team in New England, by scores of 11-1 and 3-0. Catcher Mike Bissaillon rapped two of Westfield's seven hits in the opener. Lars Lambros was the losing pitcher. Ace Rich Locke pitched well in the nightcap, striking out 10 and giving up three hits. However, the Owls were limited to two hits, singles by shortstop Shawn Kelly and left fielder Paul Sarmagedlis.

GOLF: The linksters opened their season by tying for sixth in the 17-team Yale Invitational. Agawam native Wayne Leal, a junior transfer from Salem State, was second low medalist with a fine round of 74. Other scorecards were turned in by senior Kevin Piecuch (85), Ian Nicol (84), Dave Bouthellette (89) and Lee Craig (90).

TRACK and FIELD: Three trackstars placed first in the Westfield State Invitational on April 1. Freshman Denise Taylor won the javelin, Mark Curry was clocked in 33:00.6 to take the 10,000 and the 1600 meter relay team of Tom Graves, Lance Campbell, Thad Lopes and John Desforge edged rival Springfield College by three/tenths of a second with at time of 3:25.6. Placing second was Lopes in the triple jump. Finishing third were Jackie Mulhern in the women's shot put, Chris Klatos in the 5,000 and Glenn Kesparian in the hammer throw.

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Budget cuts shorten intramural season

By Robyn Houlihan
and Anthony Colannino

The intramural sports at Westfield State may be cut by 50 percent with no playoffs for the remainder of this year, according to assistant athletic director Ken Magarian. Magarian said the Intramural Board made up of 12 students should decide on the matter by April 10.

"Depending on the number of softball rosters we get, intramurals will be short an estimated $1200," said Magarian. "If we don't get any additional money there will only be five or six softball and street hockey games with no playoffs," Magarian said.

Patty Boyd, an Intramural Board member, said, "We will be going to the Student Senate to see if it has any money in its reserve fund for intramurals. If we can't get the money then intramurals will have to be cut."

Magarian said that the intramural budget has remained the same the past couple of years while the number of students participating in intramurals and referees salaries have increased. These two factors have made for the shortage of funds.

Magarian says that the Westfield State Intramural Program is the biggest in the state. Last year, 4479 students participated in the 26 different activities offered.

"The referees were getting $3.50 per hour for the past couple of years, and an increase was definitely overdue. This year they get $4 per hour, which still isn't very competitive for a qualified official," said Magarian.

The intramural budget is $11,000 with $9800 of that going to the referees with the rest going towards equipment, Magarian said.

Because 80 to 90 percent of the students participate in intramurals, Magarian feels that the intramural budget should be $15,000.

Magarian also said that there would be cut backs in games played, limited teams, and sports cut if intramurals doesn't receive more funds.

According to Boyd, Bromery understood the importance of the intramural program and wants to move all available funds from the athletic budget to make sure that intramurals don't have to be cut.

Each year, the top athletic team, in each of the men's and women's division is awarded the Banacos Cup, which is dedicated to James Banacos of Watertown, Ma., member of the class of 1972. This award is presented to the best team for performance throughout the year. Certain criteria must also be met to qualify, but all teams are eligible for the cup.

According to the standings from this year's semester break, the top three women's teams are: Future Shock, with 109 points, Hoba Dubas, with 107 points, and Keggers with 79 points. The Men's standings are: P-Flaps, with 103 points, Drillers with 95 points, and Bags with 86 points.

"We still have a lot of big sports coming up which hold a lot of Banacos points," said Magarian. "I just hope we can finish out this year's competition."

In addition to the Banacos Cup Award, there are also three others, the Paul Bartley Memorial Award, given to one team for sportsmanship for the year. It is dedicated to Paul Bartley, who was a member of the class of 1977, and was killed in an automobile accident in January of 1975.

The Luke Byrne Memorial Award is given to two outstanding students for sportsmanship throughout the year, and/or their college career at Westfield State College. Luke Byrne lost his life trying to assist in breaking up a disturbance, a few months after his graduation in 1980.

The third award is the Wayne D. Carlson Memorial Award, which is given to the student who contributed most to aquatic sports. Wayne who was a member of the class of 1980, died of Leukemia in 1978.

Necklace wins

Just in case you missed it, on March 9, 1989 The Necklace beat The Master Blasters to claim the Westfield State College Intramural Division One 4-on-4 Basketball Championship. The team of Currie Gauvreau, Peter Gaudiano, Mike MacKay, Rudy Persico, Eric Petersen, Mike Shea and Kyle Shields all deserve credit for taking the second major intramural sport for The Necklace in the 1988-89 intramural sports season. APRIL 1989

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Senior Rodney Smith

WSC Achiever Award

Senior Rodney Smith has been named Westfield State Achiever for February.

Smith, a Springfield native, is a business/finance major planning to attend graduate school next fall.

He is honored for his participation in many on-campus activities. He was a four-year member of the varsity basketball team, the chairperson of the Board of Governors, and a peer counselor. He is also President of the Third World Organization.

FINAL STATISTICS OF MENS 4-on-4 BASKETBALL AS OF 3/6/89. (INTRAMURALS)

DIVISION I

NORTH	WINS	LOSES
House Masters	7	1
Master Blasters	7	1
DWG's	7	2
P-Flaps	5	2
B.E.M.H.O.	0	8

SOUTH	WINS	LOSES
P-Necklace	6	2
Dawgs	5	2
Hot Shots	5	3
D. Seamen	4	4
Drillers	4	5
Really Rotter	2	6
Phantoms	2	6

DIVISION II

WEST	WINS	LOSES
Slugs	7	0
Rockets	6	1
Game Cocks	4	3
B. Busters	4	3
Faculty-Adm.	3	3
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Intramural Softball Rosters Due

The spring league for Intramural softball has been announced with Monday, April 3rd being the deadline for all rosters. Again there will be seperate men's and women's leagues. Games are expected to begin April 5.

Teams can be in both the street hockey as well as the softball league without schedule conflicts. As in Street Hockey, Softball carries full Bannocs Points as the end of the year winds down.

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Veterans lead runners

By Mickey Curtis (SID)

Talented veterans with national exposure along with promising newcomers will keep Westfield State near the front of the pack on the track and field circuit during the 1989 spring season.

"We don't have the overall depth we had on our powerful team in the early 1980's, but we have a lot of quality individuals this year," said Jerry Gravel, who has coached 25 All-Americans in the past 12 years.

Gravel's lofty goals for his team remain constant — win the Mass. state conference championship for the 12 time in 14 years; place in the top three in New England Division III; and qualify six to ten individuals for the national championships.

Westfield's strongest candidates for All-American honors are triple jumper Miles Woodhouse, sophomore speedster Lance Campbell in the 800, distance runner Steve Gaeble, and high jumper Jim Forrest.

Gaebel leads Westfield's solid group of distance runners which also includes veterans Chris Kiatos, Kevin O'Brien and Mark Curry, and freshman Paul Maiella. Backing

Woodhouse and Forrest in the jumps are senior standout Rodney Smith, freshmen Wade Anderson and Mike Robinson, and high jumper Kevin Cass.

Gravel gives his hurdles crew a good rating with the arrival of talented freshmen Thad Lopes, Jamie Shankle, Chris Wyser and John O'Neill. Training hard to stay with Campbell in the 800 are senior Jeff Cahill and freshmen Tom Graves and Tom Maher.

The Running Owls have some young, inexperienced talent in the sprints, led by freshman Patrick Dawkins, school record holder in the 55 meters, and Russ Theall, and junior Jeff Chalmers and sophomore Brian Owen. Junior sprinter John Desforge will help make the Owls competitive in the relays.

Competing in the throwing events for the Owls this season is junior returnee Glenn Kasparian.

"We have a good group of kids with a lot of potential," said the veteran coach. "We hope they can peak in time for the New England championships (in early May)."

Swim team survives cuts

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Diver excels at Nationals

By Robyn Houlihan

Lori Vincent of Westfield State College is an extremely talented diver with a promising future, according to her coach Dave Laing. Yet her career was on the line this month due to the swim team being one of the teams on the cut list.

But, luckily for Vincent, the swim team was not cut.

"I'm really glad that they decided not to cut the swim team. I didn't know what I was going to do. I was considering transferring to another school with a diving team," said Vincent.

According to Vincent, although she was considering transferring to another school, she was very apprehensive about it. She was afraid to have to switch coaches. After diving with Laing for four years, she felt that he was a very big factor in her success.

"I couldn't have accomplished all my goals without Dave's help," said Vincent.

Vinent has been diving with Laing for the last four years. During high school she commuted one hour from her home in Pittsfield every day after school, and didn't get back home until ten o'clock at night.

But, according to both Laing, and Vincent, the effort paid off extremely well.

"My high school rank in the Western Mass. division went from eleventh place to third place and then to second my senior year," Vincent said.

According to Vincent, her parents have played a very supportive role in her diving career. Her mom never missed a meet during high school, and has yet to miss a meet at Westfield State. She also accompanied Vincent to the National Diving Championship in Indiana.

"It feels good to be able to look up in the stands wherever you are and always see someone you know," Said Vincent.

The National Diving Championship was held at Notre Dame University, in Indiana. According to Vincent, her first objective was to get through the pre-trial meet held the first night. This would eliminate all but the top 24 divers from participating in the official competition.

According to Laing, Vincent was able to make it through the pre-trials comfortably, finishing 12th on the three meter board out of 50 competitors.

"I thought she might have held that position in the final competition," said Laing. "But, one of her dives wasn't as strong as it usually is, and in this type of competition, consistancy is the key. One slight miss makes a big difference."

Vincent finished the competition as the 19th diver in the nation on the three meter board, and 34th on the low board.

"It's really exciting to only be a sophomore and already be nationally ranked. I'm really happy. I did what I set out to do," said Vincent.

Necklace wins

Just in case you missed it, on March 9, 1989 The Necklace beat The Master Blasters to claim the Westfield State College Intramural Division One 4-on-4 Basketball Championship. The team of Currie Gauvreau, Peter Gaudiano, Mike MacKay, Rudy Persico, Eric Petersen, Mike Shea and Kyle Shields all deserve credit for taking the second major intramural sport for The Necklace in the 1988-89 intramural sports season.

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Lacrosse players set for final season

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By Gary Trask

The Westfield State [illegible]'s Lacrosse team will be facing its final season this year because of the recent budget cuts. This team does not, however, plan on letting their final season pass before making some noise in the Pilgrim League. With eight returning starters, a solid defense and some young blood coaching the squad, Westfield has good reason to be optimistic about the 1989 season.

"We should definitely be one of the top three teams in the league," said 23-year-old, first year coach Bradley Carr.

Carr and his assistant, David Burke, also 23, are both UMASS students and both feel that their team is solid.

"We have a lot of people returning from last year," Carr said, "There's also a ton of experience at midfield and defense."

Some of the most notable returners are senior co-captains Robo Quinn and John MacNeil, who both were 1988 Pilgrim League All Stars. Quinn led the team last year in goals (35), assists (26) and points (61), and according to Carr he is the team leader on and off the field.

Sophomore Steve Kerr, an honorable mention to the All Star team last season, scored 18 goals last year as a freshman and will be a major part of the offense this year. "Steve is looking very, very, strong," Carr added.

The backbone of the team is without a doubt the defense. This aggressive, experienced unit is led by MacNeil, seniors Jim O'Loughlin, Rick DePasquale, Pat Connolly and freshman Chris Basoli. Along with another honorable mention to the Pilgrim All Stars last year, senior goalie Robert Fleming, Westfield's opposition is going to have their troubles putting the ball in the net.

The team is also blessed with some young talent. Freshman Dustin Philla and Rich Caporale both are playing well in the pre-season.

"Dustin is a big kid and it looks like he's going to get some time," Carr said, "Also Richie Caporale should get some minutes at midfield."

The team's only noticeable weak spot is depth. "We're definitely lacking in numbers, especially at attack," Carr admitted.

Another weak spot could be the young age of the first year coaches, but both Carr and Burke do not see that as a problem. "I think it helps," Carr said, "We all get along really well."

"It (being young) has more pros than cons. We can relate to the players better," Burke added.

As far as this being the last year of lacrosse here at Westfield, Carr plans to use that as a motivational factor.

"I think the team will work that much harder because this is the last season," the coach said. "The seniors really want it."

Carr also feels that this team could easily win the Pilgrim League and go on to the ECAC playoffs. "We just want to go out, have fun and win," he said.

Athlete of the Week

Senior Robo Quinn scored a career-high eight goals in last week's 15-12 victory over Mass. Maritime. The rugged midfielder totaled 13 goals and three assists to lead Westfield to victories in its first two games. The Owls have key league games this week at versus MIT on Thursday and Babson on Saturday afternoon. (Mickey Curtis Photo).

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WESTFIELD STATE TRACK TEAM HIGHLIGHTS

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The 1980s: A Decade of Excellence

- *1989: 28th place, NCAA Division III national indoor championships
- *1988: Second place, New England Division III spring championships
- *1988: 10th place, NCAA Division III national indoor championships
- *New England Division III second place team, composite scoring (1980-88)
- *New England Division III team championships, 1980 and 1985
- *New England Division III runners-up, 1981 and 1982
- *10th place team New England championships (all divisions) in 1981 and 1984
- *Mass. state conference champions 11 of past 13 years
- *25 NCAA All Americans and 109 national qualifiers

Davis Hall wins first Camp Westy

APRIL 1989

By Mark Zawistowski

Sound the horns! Blare the trumpets! Send in the marching band! Dum, de-dum-dum, dum!

Yes, Camp Westy is now an existing event here at WSC. On the weekend of March 31-April 1, Davis Hall won the two-day event now known as 'Camp Westy.' The brainchild of Student Senate Vice President of Student Life Mark Rockwal, Camp Westy rang in its initial year as an annual event under the direction of Chairperson Scott Liberman, Vice-Chairperson Maureen McCullough, and the rest of the Student Senate.

Camp Westy pitted each dorm on campus against each other, as well as against the apartments and the commuters, in a variety of events. The events included a talent show, a scavenger hunt, a flag contest, volleyball and wiffleball tournaments, a swim meet, an Apache Relay, a long distance run, a pie-eating contest, a roommate game show, and the 25-bonus point Up and Down dance.

Each team was allowed to enter one participant or team in the Apache Relay, the flag contest, and long distance run, the pie-eating contest and the roommate game show. Two participants/teams were allowed for the scavenger hunt and the volleyball and wiffleball tournaments, while three were permitted in the talent show. The swim meet, an event composed of five different races including a relay, had no limit on entrants. The bonus-point dance was an all-or-none payoff. Students were to report what team they were from, but were not allowed to leave the dance without losing their checkmark. In the end, whichever team had the most dancers received the 25 bonus points. Dickinson Hall copped the bonus by a two to one margin (over Lammers Hall) and also won first in the flag contest and the scavenger hunt. Dickinson also grabbed second place in the scavenger hunt (tied with the apartments) and in the volleyball tournament to finish in second overall with 190 points.

The champions, Davis Hall, finished in first in the talent show, the volleyball tournament, the Apache Relay, the long distance run, and the pie-eating contest to finish with 210 points. Lammers Hall obtained first in the roommate game show, and second in the flag contest, the wiffleball tournament, and the swim meet to finish with 125 points. The apartments won the wiffleball tournament and the swim meet, while finishing second in the talent show and in the scavenger hunt (tied with Dickinson) to receive 105 points. Scanlon Hall finished with 80 points, including a second place finish in the roommate game show. The commuters received 0 points because they had to forfeit every event as a result of no participation.

Overall, Mark Rockwal thought Camp Westy did its job. "It (Westy) exceeded any of our expectations," grinned Rockwal. "We are trying to bring back school spirit and pride as well as give the students something to do on the weekend. (For the first year of Westy) we wanted to get it to run and to show everyone what it is all about."

Rockwal seemed impressed most by the student involvement, since he noted that there were up to about 80 spectators who watched any one event. "As the day wore on," Rockwal revealed, "the Campus Center was flooded with calls for Westy updates. The students who participated had fun."

The biggest disappointment that Rockwal could pinpoint was the lack of commuter participation. "There was no commuter participation except for the dance. We hoped it wouldn't happen, but we expected it for the first year especially since it is difficult for many of the commuters to come up to the school on weekends."

Camp Westy was a modest success in its first year, but Davis Hall was a big success. The residents get to split $100 for a party, and also receive the first place trophy. Watch out for next year because, as Rockwal added, should Davis win it again, they get to keep the trophy and another one must be bought. And on a final note, Rockwal thanks the following for their involvement in Camp Westy: Student Life Committee Members — Dr. Sarah Light, Mrs. Culkeen, Dr. Rosnick, Dave Laing, Adrene Adams, Christine Lombardi, Tom Stewart, John Marcus, Debbie Clifford, Dr. Paquette, Tim Griffin and Andy Johnson. Campus Activities Board funded Westy 100%.

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Sports Update

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By Mickey Curtis
Sports Information Director

The Westfield State sports teams are finishing fast as they head into the homestretch of the 1988-89 school year. All six spring sports squads have had more than their share of headlines with near perfect team records and outstanding individual performances. Here's a look at the teams during the middle of last week:

LACROSSE: The laxmen are on a mission in their final season of varsity competition, and they can clinch the Pilgrim League championship with a victory over Roger Williams April 26. Gametime is 6:30 p.m. at the turf. Westfield enters its final league game with a perfect 6-0 record; the Owls were 6-2 heading into last Saturday's game against Springfield, the No. 1 team in New England.

Westfield, under the capable guidance of first-year coaches Bradley Carr and Dave Burke, was ranked 10th in New England following key league victories over MIT, 16-11 and Babson, 10-9. Sophomore standout Steve Kerr whipped in four goals versus MIT while Rob Quinn and Kevin Lyons each had three. Junior Tom Heffernan and Quinn, the top two scorers in the league, led the Owls past Babson by combining for nine goals and four assists. Westfield jumped out to a 5-0 lead after the first quarter, then Babson battled back to tie the score, 9-9, with seven minutes remaining. Quinn tossed in the game-winner two minutes later.

The Owls were without their top two goal scorers in a 13-5 win over an outmanned Nichols club on Patriot's Day, as Quinn and Kerr both went down with injuries in the hard fought victory over Babson. Kerr suffered knee cartilage damage and was scheduled for surgery last Wednesday; he is out for the rest of the season. Quinn strained ligaments and tendons in his ankle, but is expected to play in the next game. Picking up the slack against Nichols was Tim O'Neil with four goals and Lyons with five assists.

Westfield's leading scorers heading into last weekend's games were Heffernan (11 goals, 24 assists, 35 points), Quinn (25-9-34), Kerr (24-4-28), Lyons (10-12-22) and O'Neil (9-13-22). The backbone of Westfield's harassing defensive unit is all league performer John MacNeill.

SOFTBALL: The women's softball team of veteran coach Joyce O'Donnell rolled to victories in its first eight games before being blanked 4-0 by a WNEC team and its fast lefty pitcher, Julie Corbello, on Patriot's Day. Westfield pushed its league record to 4-0 with a doubleheader sweep of North Adams on April 15. First-game highlights were two doubles by Johanna Madge and a home run — the first over the fence of the new field — by junior transfer Karen Phillips. Karen Frustaci and Nina Vivenzio combined for a five-inning no-hitter in the nightcap, while Lauri Skiddell earned hitting honors with three singles.

Westfield is getting strong pitching from Vivenzio, who has a 7-1 record and a 0.31 ERA in 45 innings. Madge is hitting .500 with four doubles and 15 RBI, while Skiddell is hitting at a .421 clip. Sophomore left fielder Sue Cybulski has five in 10 bats with a team high nine walks and six stolen bases. The Lady Owls, who are shooting for their third straight playoff berth, had key double headers scheduled last weekend at Worcester and Salem. They host Bridgewater this Saturday afternoon in another key conference matchup.

Senior pitcher Nina Vivenzio has a 7-1 record and an 0.31 ERA in 45 innings. (Photo by Mickey Curtis, SID).

BASEBALL: The baseball team has been dodging the raindrops most of the spring, as it had a pair of double headers wiped out by inclement weather last weekend. The young and improving team evened its record at 4-4 with a 6-5 victory at Rhode Island College last Wednesday. The slugging star was freshman outfield/designated hitter Paul Samargedlis, who pounded two triples and a solo home run in his first three bats. Freshman catcher Mike Bissaillon also stroked a solo homer in the sixth inning which proved to be the game winner. Senior captains Rich Locke and Lars Lambros teamed up for the pitching win, with Locke getting the victory and Lambros the save. The Owls of veteran coach Howie Burns are looking to improve on their team hitting (.222 after seven games) and fielding as they head into the final three weeks of the season.

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The baseball team has had many of its games rained out, but the team has a record of 4-4 with a 6-5 victory over Rhode Island College last Wednesday. Veteran coach Howie Burns is looking to improve the team hitting (.222 after seven games) and fielding as it heads into the final three weeks of the season. (Photo by Mickey Curtis, SID)

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TRACK AND FIELD: The men's and women's teams scored well in the Williams Invitational two weekends ago. Sophomore star half miler Lance Campbell coasted to a victory with a 1:55.8 clocking, while Tom Maher finished third in 1:58.2. Placing one-two in the 400 hurdles was the talented tandem of freshman Thad Lopes (55.7) and junior Miles Woodhouse (56.1). Finishing third were Steve Gaebel in the steeple chase (9:43.7) and Chris Kiatos in the 10,000 (32:55). Fourth were John Desforge in the 400 (51.0), Glenn Kasperian in the hammer throw (151-10) and the 400 relay team (44.3) of Russ Theall, Woodhouse, Mike Robinson and Lopes. The men's team will be going after its 12th title in the past 14 years at the Mass. State conference championships this Saturday at Bridgewater.

Freshman standout Jenice Mulhern placed high in three events for women's coach Doug Allen. Mulhern won the 100 hurdles (17.8), placed third in the long jump (14-6) and was runnerup in the shot put with a school record toss of 36-4. The former mark of 35-6 1/2 was set by Felicia Byers last year.

Other blue ribbons were won by freshman Denise Taylor in the Javelin and senior Vicki Sullivan in the high jump. Placing second were Patty Boyd in the 100 and Sue O'Malley in the 100 hurdles. Linda Phillips was third in the 1,500.

GOLF: The linksters also have been performing well this spring, with a fifth place finish in the Mass Intercollegiate championships and a 13th place at last week's All New Englands. Leading the Owls in the Mass championships was Wayne Leal, who captured the state title with an even par round of 72 at the Stow course. Leal beat out 84 other golfers in the 17 team tournament for medalist honors for the second straight year. Last season he won the tournament in a playoff while attending Salem State. Leal was Westfield's medalist at the new England championships with scores of 81 and 76, but his 157 total was 18 strokes behind the pacesetter.

Westfield shot a 320 at the state tournament, placing behind Lowell (317), Salem (315) and Boston College (313). Rounding out Westfield's lineup were senior Kevin Piecuch, who tied for sixth with a 78; Ian Nicoll (84), John Suprenant (86) and Lee Craig (90).

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Women's track team

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By Gary Trask-SID-Intern

The Westfield State women's track and field team is blessed with some experience and some young talent this year. With a mixture of four seniors along with six talented freshmen the team has the ability to prove that size isn't necessarily an important factor.

According to first year head coach Doug Allen, his team is smaller than average but "what he has is quality."

"We've been the smallest team at every meet so far," Allens, said, "but we're not placing last so it looks pretty good."

The squad has its share of experience with four seniors. Heading this list of 1989 graduates is the multi-event, athlete Vicki Sullivan. Sullivan is a three-year veteran of the team and excels at the high jump and the 400. Other seniors include distance runner Debbie Lievi, 400 runner Denise McNulty and long jumper and sprinter Patty Boyd who is returning after a serious knee injury.

The main attraction this year, however, may be the young talent. Freshman Denise Taylor was seventh in the state in the javelin last year at Southwick High School. Linda Phillips, also from Southwick High, was the Western Mass. mile champion for the past three years at the high school level. Fellow freshman Jacqueleyn Mulhern from Falmouth High was third in New England last year in the shot put and will run the heptathlon this year for Westfield. Sophomore Ann Marie Fitzgerald, who was a former high school sprinter, will try distance events this year. Basketball player Kim McMillan is throwing the shot and discus and sophomore Sue O'Malley competes in the hurdles, jumps and discus. A recent addition to the squad is freshman Kimberly Hopkins, a sprinter with strong high school credentials.

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OWL SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL (3-4)
WSC postponed North Adams
WSC postponed Fitchburg

SOFTBALL (8-0)
WSC 8 North Adams 1
WSC 6 North Adams 0

LACROSSE (6-2)
WSC 10 Babson 9
WSC 13 Nichols 5

Athlete of the Week

Westfield State golfer Wayne Leal won the Mass. Intercollegiate championship to earn athlete of the week honors. Leal shot an even par 72 to win the state championship in a field of 85 golfers. The Agawam native, who won the same tournament last year while enrolled at Salem State, led the Owls to a fourth-place finish in the 17-team tournament.

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Knicks 5-on-5 champs

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The Knicks, led by team captain Paul DeRose's 11 rebounds and eight assists, won the intramural 5-on-5 basketball championship on Wednesday, April 12.

Playing before a home crowd of about 30, the 2nd seeded D.W.G.'s kept up with the 1st seeded Knicks in the first half, down by only four at halftime. The Knicks took control in the second half with the key rebounding of Ken Collamore and the "Pork Brothers," DeRose and Dave Zulkiewicz, defeating the D.W.G.'s, 62-48.

Top scorers for the Knicks included Joe Grasso with 16 points and Zulkiewicz and Ed McCarthy each with 13, while Dave Lemke recorded 11 assists. Outstanding shooting by D.W.G.'s Scott Visbeek and Chris Tibbetts kept the underdogs in the game. Freshman Visbeek ended with 17 points, including 5 3-pointers, and sophomore Tibbetts had 13 points with 3 3-pointers.

Semi-final action saw the Knicks dominate the Really Rottens, 53-28. The young D.W.G.'s won a barnburner, defeating Public Enemy, 52-50.

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INTRAMURAL HOCKEY STANDINGS

EAST	W	T	L
Running Rebels	4	0	1
Drillers	4	2	0
Stiff Competition	4	0	2
Really Rottens	1	0	5
Red Eyes	1	0	4
Royal Flush	1	0	4
Jays	3	1	1
Dawgs	2	1	2

NORTH	W	T	L
Schnuntas	0	0	4
Bags	3	0	0
J-Team	2	0	1
D.W.G.'s	1	1	2
Scum	1	0	3
Hanson Bros.	2	1	1
Man Golden S.	1	1	0
HOF	2	0	0

WEST	W	T	L
Gang Green	4	0	1
White Trash	1	2	2
Rags	1	0	5
69ers	2	2	1
Bamfs	0	1	4
P. Necklace	3	1	0
Master Blasters	4	1	0
P-Flaps	2	3	1
Hot Shots	1	0	3

SOUTH	W	T	L
Fighting T. Cats	1	1	4
Seamen	1	2	1
Bush	3	1	1
Rockets	3	1	0
G-Spots	2	0	2
Team Bud	1	0	4
Tanners	2	6	3
S. Batch	2	0	2
House M.	3	0	1

— WOMEN —

	W	T	L		W	T	L
T-Melts	2	0	3	Keggers	0	0	4
Bakers	3	0	0	Future Shock	3	0	1

Intramural Softball Standings as released by the intramural office 4-19

MEN'S

Master Blasters	5-0	White Trash	1-2
Drillers	3-0	Charlie's Surf.	1-2
P Necklace	3-0	D Seamen	0-0
Slugs	3-0	Teddy Bears	1-3
P-Flaps	2-0	the Cheebas	1-3
G-Spots	2-0	Snatch Batch	1-3
Stiff Comp	3-1	Sharkeys	1-3
DAWGS	1-0	Hanson Bros.	0-1
P Shamrocks	1-0	Bags	0-1
D.W.G.'s	2-1	R. Rebels	0-1
Jerry's Kids	3-2	M. Divers	0-2
The Rags	1-1	Tanners	0-3
Legion of Doom	1-1	B.u.f.f.s.	0-3
Hot Shots	1-1	House Masters	0-3
Really Rottens	1-2		

WOMEN'S

Perfect 10s	2-0
Giggas	2-0
The Balls	1-0
Keggers	1-0
T-Melts	1-0
Bad News B	1-0
Rebels	2-1
Annex A's	1-1
Alab. Slam.	1-1
Wild Things	0-0
Fireballs	1-3
F Shock	0-2
M.A.Q.	0-2
The Friars	0-2
Medinas	0-2
Teddy Bears	0-3

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Westfield State Owl

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Officials cite different reasons for team cuts

By Robyn Houlihan

According to Paul Bogan, director of athletics at Westfield State College, the nine suspended varsity teams may never operate again at Westfield.

"It's very difficult to suspend a sport and see it come back. It was a decision that took a great deal of time and energy spent researching the future financial prospects of the varsity athletic program," said Bogan. "I started here at Westfield with two sports teams, and succeeded in adding 20. Now, I'm going backwards. I'm going against all that I've tried so hard to achieve. It's really tough for me to have to do that."

Bogan and President Randolph Bromery were the two leading figures in the decisions to cut the sports program. They both agreed that the decision to cut nine teams was a very difficult one to make.

"We just need some time to get the budget worked out in such a way that we can gradually incorporate more teams into the new budget. But, the budget needs to be restructured first," said Bromery.

Bogan said that the elimination of nine of the 22 varsity teams could have been avoided if something was done sooner. But, he said that his proposals were ignored.

"If former President Buchen had approved my proposal to eliminate three teams last year, ice hockey, mens volleyball, and gymnastics, then we wouldn't have had this problem," said Bogan, "but because he did not approve it, the financial problem continued to worsen, and we were left with little choice but to cut the sports program."

Bogan also said that this problem would never even have happened if Westfield had received the funds back in 1973 that it was supposed to receive in order to build a much needed new sports complex.

"This problem never would have happened," said Bogan. "If we had gotten the new complex like we were supposed to 16 years ago, enrollment was predicted to rise to 7500 students by the year 1987. With enrollment that high, we would have plenty of money to run all 22 sports. We have never recovered from that major loss."

Many students and faculty have approached both Bromery and Bogan about the question of keeping the football team, which is the most expensive sport, at approximately $24,000 per year.

"Why not cut the football team, and the ice hockey teams, which are the two most expensive sports, each individually costing as much as all the other nine put together," asked Kristen Sikora of the women's tennis team.

Bogan's answer was the football is relatively inexpensive because there is so much student support. But he said that the major reason in his opinion had to do with publicity.

"Football is the sport that always gets the most press action. That's what we need to make our school known, and to make students want to come here," said Bogan.

Bromery also agreed that football should be kept. But, only because the new astro turf had already been approved.

"If we cut the football team, the new turf might not have been approved, and that is very important, because it can be used for all different sports," said Bromery.

Bromery said that the major reason for the problems with the athletic teams was poor budget management.

"The whole budget needs to be restructured," said Bromery. "The athletic director continued to add new sports teams, when it should have been obvious that the budget could not handle all of the expenses. You can't keep squeezing in teams, and then try to formulate the budget around them. You need to figure out the money first, then add the sports. And, you have to account for everything in that budget."

Bromery did agree with Bogan in that the need for a new athletic complex is definitely long overdue.

"We need a field house with ice, and basketball courts. A place for all of the indoor sports. A facility that would put Westfield State Athletics on the front page," said Bromery.

The final decision on the cuts was made by Bromery. He went to Student Senate, and agreed to keep only one of the sports which was on the proposed list of 10 teams. He said that it was up to Senate to decide. But, he did suggest that the women's swim team be kept for the obvious reasons that the facilities were already available, and that the team was relatively inexpensive to run. But, his major reason was that the team had a coach that is a full time faculty member, which he feels is very important in maintaining a well rounded athletic team. Although Bogan felt that the women's volleyball team should be kept, Senate agreed with Bromery's choice.

Bromery's main concern was the survival of the intramural program, which according to Ken Magarian, Director of Intramurals, may not be able to finish its season due to lack of sufficient funds.

"Intramurals are the most important because of the great amount of interest on campus. Currently, 85% of the student body participates in the intramural program at Westfield State," said Bromery. "I feel very strongly about keeping intramurals over anything else in the athletic department because of the high participation rate. I won't let anyone transfer money from intramurals to varsity sports."

According to Bogan, the suspension of nine varsity teams may not be enough to get out of the financial troubles that the athletic department is facing this year.

"We're probably going to still have trouble next year," said Bogan, "on a smaller scale, of course. But, we may have to ask senate to approve another tuition increase in order to keep the 13 varsity sports plus intramurals."

WSC lacrosse captures Pilgrim League

MAY 1989

By Gary Trask
SID Student Intern

In their final season because of the budget cuts, the 1989 Westfield State lacrosse team completed its mission by capturing the Pilgrim League Championship with a convincing 18-7 victory over visiting Roger Williams last Monday.

The win not only clinched the Pilgrim League crown but also made the teams chances of going to the E.C.A.C. playoffs very strong with a overall 7-3 record and 7-0 in league play.

"This feels great ... unbelievable," said first year coach Bradley Carr at the notion of winning the league championship. "This is a great bunch of guys and that makes it that much better."

Leading the way was junior attackman Tim O'Neil, who scored three goals and added four assists, bringing his season point total to 29.

Captain Robo Quinn, still hampered by a nagging ankle injury, added four goals and two assists making him second among Westfield State's all-time leading scorers with 174 career points.

"It feels pretty good," Quinn said about passing Peter Larson on the all-time list. "I know the guy that is in first (Michael Gorrasi with 232 points) and he wanted me to break it, but that's a little out of reach."

Also adding to the scoring was Pilgrim League leading point getter junior Tom Hefferman with three goals and two assists, junior Kevin Lyons (two goals, one assist), Mike O'Neill (one goal, one assist), and freshman John Vatale (two goals) and Dustin Philla (one goal, one assist). Mike McKinley and Joe Casey added a goal a piece.

Roger Williams kept it close early, as after the first quarter it only trailed by one, 3-2. At the half the visitors were still within range as they found themselves down by an 8-3 spread.

Westfield poured it on in the third, however, scoring seven goals, and finally put it out of reach in the fourth, adding three more scores.

As usual the defense was relentless. Senior goalie Robert Fleming had an outstanding game with 16 saves as the rest of the defensive corps were solid as usual.

"The whole defense played unbelievable today," Carr added. "Johnny MacNeill and Fleming both were solid. The defense has definitely been the backbone of the team all year."

Goalie Bob Fleming makes a kick-out save against an attacking offense.

Defenseman John MacNeill drives the ball as he backed up by his teammates.

On the offensive side, the first-year coach felt Tim O'Neil had an exceptional game but still claimed that it was "a great all around effort by the whole team."

Tim O'Neil felt the game was one of the teams' "better performances of the year."

"The defense played really well as they have all year and now the offense is really starting to come around," he added.

"The team just played a great game today," Hefferman said. "We had some great fan support and Fleming played solid just as he has all season. The overall team morale is very high right now."

One could say that the team won the game undermanned, with sophomore standout Steve Kerr out for the season because of knee surgery and Quinn still not playing at 100 percent.

"It's tough to lose people in big positions," Quinn said. "Steve and I put a lot of shots on net, and if Steve was playing and I was at full speed we probably would have won the game more decisively."

"Injuries can take their toll so we had to move some bodies around and it worked out for the best," coach Carr added.

Hefferman felt that because of injuries, "the entire team just picked up the momentum."

"We won that game today for Stevie Kerr," he added.

Kerr praised his teammates for the victory although he did find it difficult to sit and watch on the sidelines.

"It's tough to be injured when the team is playing so well but I'm just glad we won," Kerr said. "Considering Robo and I are hurt it's good to know we can still win."

With the E.C.A.C. playoffs a very realistic goal and the Pilgrim League already under their belt, many members of the team don't quite understand why lacrosse was one of the nine varsity sports being suspended next year.

"I think the budget is set, but they really should take a second look at the teams that are successful and the teams that are not," Quinn said.

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INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL ... STANDINGS through 4/25

MEN

EAST			NORTH		
1. P. Necklace	4	0	Slugs	4	0
2. M. Blasters	5	1	S. Comp.	4	2
3. DAWGS II	3	2	DAWGS	2	0
4. G. Spots	4	3	Jerry's Kids	3	2
5. S. Batch	3	3	C. Surffers	3	3
6. Bags	2	3	W. Trash	1	3
7. Sharky's	3	4	Teddy Bears	1	5
8. Tanners	0	7	H. Masters	0	3

WEST			SOUTH		
1. P. Flaps	5	0	Drillers	4	1
2. D. Seamen	3	1	Master Blasters	4	1
3. L. of Doom	2	2	D.W.G.'s	3	1
4. P. Shamrocks	2	2	Running Rebels	3	1
5. Hotshots	2	4	Rags	2	2
6. M. Divers	1	5	Really Rottens	1	2
7. Hanson Bros.	0	2	Chebba's	1	4
8.			BUFFS	0	4

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"I'm glad we won the league because it's good to show we are a quality team," O'Neil added. "I'm really disappointed that there won't be a team next year."

Hefferman feels bad for the underclassmen who were recruited last year and now won't be playing lacrosse next year.

"It's really a shame," Heff went on to say. "We had a lot of fan support this year and now we have a really good chance at going to the E.C.A.C.'s. How can they cut a team that is league champ?"

The answer to that question is, and will remain, unknown. But whether there is a Westfield State Lacrosse team next or not, this year's squad has made a lasting impression.

Intramurals

Intramural forfeit fees .....

All teams having forfeit fees are asked to leave their names/team's names with the office. Forfeit fee checks will be mailed home by the business office, after May 12.

One forfeit.....losses $6.
Two forfeits.....losses $12.

All remaining fees will be credited for next year, '89-90. All money paid by a graduating senior will be mailed home to that person.

Street Hockey playoffs start May 3.

Softball playoffs start May 4.

All teams are asked to check with the office for their correct records.....this must be done by May. 2!

The Owls defense, represented here by Thomas Friel and John MacNeill in the background, hold strong against the MIT offense. (Photo by Mickey Curtis).

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Final Spring Sports Roundup

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Mickey Curtis
Sports Information Director

TRACK AND FIELD: The Running Owls dominated the Mass. state championships once again, capturing their 12th title in the past 14 years under veteran coach Jerry Gravel. Westfield claimed nine first places for 115 points to outdistance host Bridgewater (84), Worcester(33), Fitchburg (24) and Salem (18). Fitchburg's star sprinter, who was favored to win three races, was injured and that would have altered the scoring somewhat, but not enough for any team to overtake the Owls.

"I was pleased we won, but overall our times and distances weren't that good," said Gravel. "We have to improve dramatically in order to duplicate our showing at the New Englands last year. But I think the kids will respond to the better competition."

Miles Woodhouse was the lone double winner, as he captured the triple jump (45-10) and 400 hurdles (55.90). The talented junior also was a member of the winning 400 relay team which was clocked in 44.3. The other relay members — Thad Lopes, Russ Theall and Jamie Shankle — also performed well individually. Theall won the 200 (24.1), edging out teammate Mike Robinson, and finished second in the 100 (11.8). Shankle, a talented transfer from Albany State, placed second in both the long jump (21- 6 1/2) and 110 hurdles (16.0). Lopes led Westfield to a sweep in the 400 with a time of 50.8. He followed by John Desforge and Tom Graves. Lopes did double duty during the weekend as he became Westfield's third qualifier for the NCAA Division III championships by winning his 400 hurdles heat at the Penn Relays with a time of 53.5.

Junior weightman Glenn Kasparian placed in three events — first in the discus (129-1); second in the hammer (154-100; and third in the shot put (41-4 1/2). Other winners were high jumper Jim Forrest (6-2); half miler Lance Campbell (1:54.5); the 1600 meter relay team (3:28.9) of Jeff Cahill, Forrest, Steve Gaebel and Tom Maher; and Kevin O'Brien, who won the conference 10,000 meter race (34:42) for the second straight year.

Maher may have turned in the best showing of the day. He placed second behind Campbell in the 800, shattering his personal record by more than three seconds with a 1:55.1 clocking. Other top placers were Robinson, third in the long jump; Gaebel, second in the 1500; Paul Maiella, second in the 10,000; and Chris Kiatos, third in the 5,000.

LACROSSE: The Owl lacrosse team received some more tough-to-take news in their final season as they narrowly missed landing a berth in the ECAC playoffs. Westfield was nosed out for the fifth and sixth spots by Plymouth State and Colby. Plymouth took a 7-1 record into the tournament while Colby's 7-3 record included a 16-6 romp over Babson, the team the Owls edged, 10-9, to win the Pilgrim League title. Westfield was 8-3 overall and 7-0 in the league leading into last Wednesday's game at Trinity.

I can understand their reasoning to a certain extent, but I still wish they would have given us a chance," said WSC captain Robo Quinn. "We scrimmaged Amherst and we stayed with them." Amherst, the fourth seeded team in the tournament, held off MIT of the Pilgrim League, 16-14, last week.

The laxmen did receive some good news last week, however, when it was announced that Quinn and defender John MacNeill have been selected to play in the East-West All-Star Game with the best Division I and III seniors in New England. The game will be played May 14 at Colby College.

Quinn led the Pilgrim League in scoring last week with 48 points, followed closely by junior teammate Tom Heffernan with 47. The Owls have been getting strong offensive production in recent weeks from Tim O'Neil (34) and Kevin Lyons (32). Sophomore Steve Kerr scored 24 goals and four assists in seven games before being sidelined with a knee injury.

Westfield closes out its season today with a home game versus New Haven. Faceoff is at 4 p.m.

SOFTBALL: The Lady Owls will find out today if they'll make the ECAC playoffs for the third straight year. Carrying a 13-7 record into their final six games last week, Westfield was one of 10 teams being considered for the four postseason berths.

Westfield placed second in the Mass. State conference for the second straight year with an 8-4 record, as it was swept by Bridgewater, 4-1, and 11-2, in the showdown for first place. WSC bounced back from the disappointing losses to sweep a feisty Fitchburg team, 10-0 and 13-9.

Leading hitters heading into the final week of the season were Hohanna Madge (.365), Renee Savage (.364) and Lauri Skiddell (.354), all seniors and the only regulars batting over .300. Durable senior Nina Vivenzio, who pitched in all four games versus Fitchburg and Bridgewater, had an 11-5 record and a 2.02 ERA.

The 1989 Westfield State College softball team.

BASEBALL: The baseball team continued to play well in the conference, upping their record to 7-5 in the league and 8-10 overall with a 4-2, 8-2 double header sweep of Fitchburg. Robert Anderson and Lars Lambros, two of the three seniors on this year's team, went the distance for the pitching victories. Lambros twirled a two hitter in the nightcap to pick up his first victory in six decisions. Frank Morrissey was the hitting star in the second game, going 3-for-3 with a double and two RBI. Shawn Kelley smacked a double and a single to raise his batting average to .286, the team's third best. Mike Ryan was the leading hitter going into the final week of the season, batting .357, followed by Dave Bieksha (.333).

The Owls were swept by conference power Bridgewater, 11-5 and 10-0 in other action last weekend. Westfield, with ace lefty Rich Locke on the mound, led Bridgewater 3-2 in the sixth inning before the Bears erupted for nine runs in their final two at bats.

Westfield will play a major league schedule during its final week.

GOLF: Two Westfield State golfers will find out today whether or not they have qualified for the NCAA Division III golf championships, set for May 21-26 at Central College in Iowa. Wayne Leal, the junior transfer who won the Mass. State Intercollegiate title, looks like a sure pick, while senior Kevin Piecuch is a strong candidate for one of the seven at large berths from New England.

The 1989 Westfield State College baseball team.

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Defenseman John MacNeill drives the ball as he backed up by his teammates.

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** Spring Sports Update **

By Mickey Curtis
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BASEBALL: The baseball team was still trying to regroup late in the week after being plastered by New Haven, 33-2, last Tuesday. New Haven, which boasted a 20-3 record and the No. 1 ranking in the New England Division II poll, sent 19 batters to the plate in a 15-run first inning. Ron Clark, New Haven's No. 9 batter, was 8-for-8 during the slugfest.

"They just had a good day," understated Westfield State coach Howie Burns.

Westfield entered the New Haven massacre with a 6-7 record following two big victories over Salem State two Sundays ago. The Witches left the double header with a 19-6-2 record as the Owls took it to them by scores of 7-5 and 9-3. Mike Ryan was 3-for-3 with two doubles and Dave Bicksha drove in two runs with a double and a single. Ace lefty Rich Locke didn't have his good stuff working that day but he still improved to 3-1.

Bicksha, the Owls' leader in hitting (.353) and slugging percentage (.588) blasted a grand slam in the second game. Ryan and leadoff batter Mike Walbert belted two singles.

Westfield, which played Bridgewater and Fitchburg this past weekend in key conference double headers, hosts Albany tomorrow at 3 p.m.

SOFTBALL: The Lady Owls also ran into some strong Division II competition last week in 10-0 and 6-0 losses at Springfield College. Senior third baseman Renee Savage belted two doubles and a single during the shutout setbacks. The losses moved Westfield to 10-5 overall heading into last weekend's games versus Bridgewater and Fitchburg that decided the conference championship.

Westfield bounced back from its first conference losses, 6-2 and 4-2 at Worcester, to defeat Salem, 4-3 and 4-2. Nina Vivenzio went the distance in both Salem games to improve her pitching record to 9-2 on the season. Carolyn Malley, Savage, Bonnie Staniewicz and hot hitting Lauri Skiddell each had two singles during the double header sweep.

The Lady Owls host Albany Thursday before closing out their regular season with double headers this weekend at home versus UMass/Boston and AIC. An Alumni softball game will precede the Saturday afternoon twinbill, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

TRACK AND FIELD: The Running Owls took seven firsts in their own invitational track meet on April 22. Winners were Glenn Kasparian in the hammer; Mike Robinson, long jump; Chris Wyser, 110 hurdles; Jim Forrest, high jump; Tom Maher, 800; Linda Phillips, 800; and Debbie Lievi, 3000. Placing in three events was Sue O'Malley (long jump, discus, 100 hurdles), while second place finishes were recorded by Vicki Sullivan, high jump; Denise Taylor, javelin; Wade Anderson, triple jump; and John O'Neill, 400 hurdles.

The Owls were hoping for warmer weather to improve their performances in order to qualify for the national championships. As of last week, only two athletes — Miles Woodhouse and Steve Gaebel — had qualified for the NCAA finals.

"The kids are worried about not qualifying yet but I told them to be patient," said coach Jerry Gravel. "I've seen this happen every year. Once the weather gets warmer and the competition gets better we'll have a lot more outstanding performances."

GOLF: Wayne Leal led Westfield State to a sixth place finish in the Salem State invitational. Leal finished in a three-way tie for medalist honors with a 73, then placed second in the sudden death with a bogey on the first hole. "Wayne was dealt a bad break in the playoff when his ball landed in a footprint in the sandtrap," noted coach John Kurty. "Their were no rakes on the course that day — I don't know why — and that's a tough shot."

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1988-90 JAMES BANACOS CUP POINTS .. Update

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MEN'S DIVISION (leading teams only)

	Team	#Sports	Points
1.	P-Flaps	5 (7)	169
2.	Drillers	5 (6)	160
3.	Bags	5 (7)	157
4.	Hanson Brothers	5 (6)	152
5.	G-Spots	3	117
6.	Necklace	3	109
7.	D W G. 'S	4	101
8.	Running Rebels	3	90
9.	D. Seamen	3	77
10.	Master Blasters	2	72
11.	Rockets	2	58
12.	Hotshots	2	54

WOMEN'S DIVISION (leading teams only)

	Team	#Sports	Points
1.	Duba Hubas	4	148
2.	Future Shock	4	144
3.	Keggers	4	110
4.	M.A.Q. Club	2	56
5.	Zeufs	2	50
6.	Alabama Slammers	1	39
7.	Tuna Melts	1	35
8.	White Russians	1	31
9.	Wrecking Crew	1	31
10.	Perfect 10's	1	31

FINAL POINT RESULTS Will be completed when both street hockey and softball playoffs are completed ....
Winning teams will be named Wednesday, May 10th .....
Certificates for all SECOND SEMESTER CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS WILL BE READY THURSDAY, MAY 11th ...
Managers are asked to pick them up.

OWL SCOREBOARD

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MEN'S LACROSSE 8-3 (7-0)
Pilgrim Conference Champs

WSC 7	Springfield College 17
WSC 18	Roger Williams College 7
WSC 18	UMass/Boston 9

SOFTBALL 10-5 (6-2)

WSC 2	Worcester St. 6
WSC 2	Worcester St. 4
WSC 4	Salem St. 3
WSC 4	Salem St. 2
WSC 0	Springfield College 10
WSC 0	Springfield College 6

BASEBALL 6-8 (5-3)

WSC 4	Worcester St. 5
WSC 7	Worcester St. 8
WSC 7	Salem St. 5
WSC 9	Salem St. 3
WSC 2	Univ. of New Haven 33

WESTFIELD STATE OWL SCOREBOARD

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— Men's Baseball 6-10 —

WSC 5	BRIDGEWATER ST. 11
WSC 0	BRIDGEWATER ST. 10

— Women's Softball 11-7 —

WSC 1	BRIDGEWATER ST. 4
WSC 2	BRIDGEWATER ST. 11

— Men's Lacrosse 8-4 —

WSC 7	TRINITY COLLEGE 13

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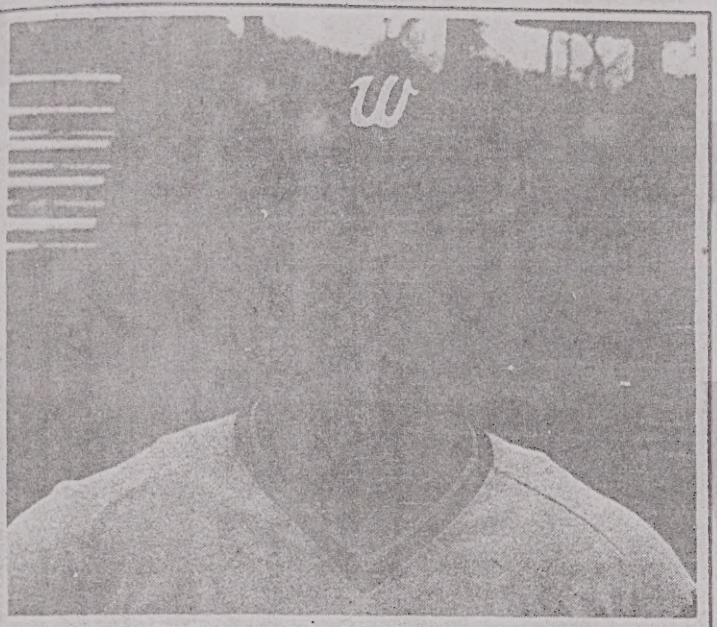

Athlete of the Week

Senior pitcher Rick Locke set a New England record with 21 strikeouts in last Thursday's 6-3 win at Nichols College. The lefty fireballer fanned the side in five innings and struck out two in three innings. He didn't have any strikeouts in the eighth inning. Locke threw 137 pitches and gave up four hits and four walks.

Athlete of the Week

Tom "Heff" Heffernan led the team and Pilgrim League in scoring last week with 29 assists and 16 goals for 45 points. The junior from Brookline set a school record earlier this season with eight assists in one game.

INTRAMURAL SPORTS

STREET HOCKEY AND SOFTBALL PLAYOFFS CONCLUDING

All Intramural playoffs (men/Women divisions) will enter their semi-final and final round today (Monday, 5/8) and Tuesday, May 9th. Street Hockey games are in the gym from 3:45 PM and softball games are at the turf starting at 6:00 PM. Women softball playoffs will be at Juniper Park, with the finals at the varsity field Tuesday, at 6:00 PM.

FINAL INTRAMURAL BOARD MEETING WEDNESDAY

All Intramural Board members are reminded that the **final board meeting** will be **Wednesday, May 10th at 2:30 PM.** Next year's budget and program will highlift the meeting. Any students interested are asked to attend as well. Program reduction will be discussed.

INTRAMURAL FORFEIT FEES RETURNED

All teams having forfeit fees are asked to leave their names in the intramural office (Ely 231). Fees will be returned to the individual (manager) who paid the fee initially. Checks will be mailed home by the business office after May 12th. All remaining fees will be credited for 1989-90. Seniors paying a fee will have it mailed home as well. All game forfeits will be deducted from each fee applying.

WOMEN'S INTRAMURAL HOCKEY

TEAM	W	L	T	PT
Bakers	5	1	0	10
Future Shock	4	2	0	8
T. Melts	3	4	0	6
Keggers	1	6	0	2

WOMEN'S INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL

	EAST			WEST	
1.	Gigga's	3	1	Perfect 10's	5	0
2.	Balls	3	2	T. Melts	4	2
3.	Keggers	3	2	Rebels	3	2
4.	A. Slammers	3	2	Annex A's	2	1
5.	Wild Things	2	2	Medinas	2	3
6.	Fireballs	2	2	Bad News Bears	1	2
7.	Future Shock	1	3	M.A.Q. Club	0	4
8.	Friars	1	5	Teddy Bears	0	5